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Editorial Voters can make a wise investment in Albany's future [**A4**]

Vote on council terms reversed

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — You wanted them for four full years and you'll get them for four full years. After hearing criticism from the community about a plan to shorten three current council members' terms to expedite a change to even-year elections, the City Council unanimously adopted a plan that would not shorten the terms of any current councilmember.

Instead, the new plan calls for council members to be elected to three-year terms this year and in 2001 to facilitate the election cycle change.

"Frankly, I was shocked at how angry the people are about the proposed ordinance," said El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce President Bill Kerber about the former plan that would have shortened the terms of councilmembers Larry Damon, Mark Friedman and Mayor Gina Brusatori.

Speaking before last Monday's vote, Kerber asked the council to reconsider its decision of May 3. He said that vote threatened "to return this community to the bad old days when rancor and mistrust ruled." Kerber said many people he had talked to in the past two weeks expressed suspicions that "City Hall is trying to put something over on us again."

Reading from a prepared statement, Friedman said "after hearing from a variety of community members, I've concluded that the best interest of our community is to keep all current terms the same length and shorten the terms of those elected in our next two city council elections to three years." (Friedman's full statement appears on page A11.)

The audience of more than 40 people broke into spontaneous applause. At the last council meeting, Friedman had voted with Councilman Norman La Force and

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KRISTOPHER SKINNER

BRANDON FRANKLIN holds the microphone as David Waugh takes a saxophone solo during a lunchtime performance by student rythm and blues band Rhythm Bound on May 12 at Albany High. Rhythm Bound could be one of many district bands to record a CD at a new digital recording studio on campus.

AHS poised to ride digital music wave

By James Carter

ALBANY — As the recording industry continues to swell in the Bay Area, instrumental music instructor Tom Lilienthal is prepared to catch the rising wave.

With the help of parents, students, members of the community and others, Lilienthal is building a state-of-the-art digital recording studio at Albany High.

"Students will develop skills that no other high school offers," Lilienthal said, "skills that could directly lead to jobs. All the materials are here. We just need to finish the project."

Twenty-one professional recording studios already exist in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville alone, including Fantasy Records, a still-growing giant.

For more than a year, Lilienthal — aided by a grant from the AHS Site Council, student fund-raisers and community and parent donations — has quietly raised $17,506.33 for the project. The teacher also contacted every major company that manufactures equipment needed in a digital recording studio. As a consequence, the project has received many incredible discounts — and more.

"Some of the studio equipment was donated," Lilienthal said, "and most of the remainder was greatly discounted by the manufacturers and retail outlets. Company executives told me they contributed because they want to support this unique and important project."

Lilienthal, who teaches two orchestras, jazz band and rock guitar at AHS, added "We could have easily paid twice what we have if we built this studio at retail costs. We're very grateful to those companies and individuals that have helped make this happen."

Back to the future

In addition to the skills teens will learn at the studio, school-sponsored bands will have the opportunity to digitally record their music and sell top-notch CD's during fund-raising drives.

"Say, for instance, one of Bob Slous' bands wanted to record a CD," Lilienthal said. "They could come in here, record it for dirt cheap, and sell it as a fund-raising activity. The CDs themselves would cost us less than $2. The major cost of a CD is production, and once we have our studio, there is no cost other than having copies made."

The popular music teacher added "Anything more than $2 is all profit. Beyond the amount that goes to the fund-raiser, we'll ask for a percentage of their sales. That money will go right back into the studio to keep it state-of-the-art. In other words, it's going to be state-of-the-art when we open it, but we want to keep it that way. It needs to remain state-of-the-art in 2010 and beyond."

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Differences, tolerance explored at AHS Day of Respect

By James Carter

ALBANY— High School students looked each other in the eye May 14 and talked about mutual respect.

Observing "Day of Respect," an annual event at AHS, teens viewed an original play that depicted the effects hatred can have on homosexuals and other members of the community.

"Games," a play performed with artistry and courage, had a powerful impact on the vast majority of those who viewed it. Penned, performed and directed by AHS students, more than one member of the audience wept during the play's finale.

"Games" is a fictional account of two gay men badgered and threatened by a group of thugs until one can no longer stand the abuse and takes his own life.

"I think the play was important and plausible, given the Matthew Sheppard murder," said Patrick Nakano Glenn, a performer who also helped write the play.

"A play like this can teach respect and tolerance for all people," he said. "If the lines were altered just a bit, it could also apply to an Asian or a black character, or even a poor person."

"We're doing this play because it needs to be done," said director and student Jordan Wold.

Mac Kay, one of four cast members who wrote "Games," said "It needs to be done because people are silly and often don't understand that everybody is pretty much the same except for the small differences that make people interesting."

During the first performance of "Games," a handful of students in the audience taunted the actors. When Takemiya — who portrayed a gay man — removed a door at his workplace defaced by the words "Gays must die!" one troubled student yelled, "Hear! Hear!"

Yet the catcalls were few and far between, and occurred primarily during the first performance, a time prior to panel

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Rocky road ahead for Albany Bulb

By James Carter

ALBANY — More than a dozen residents from the landfill known as the bulb asked the City Council Monday to reconsider their eviction notice or face the threat of legal action.

An ordinance passed by the council in March gives residents until June 15 to vacate the rock-and-rubble peninsula.

Yet during a meeting that tacked from touching moments of human drama to rants crossing the thin line between profound insight and madness, a local attorney threatened to take the city to court.

Geoffrey Taft cited several laws he said protect landfill residents from being evicted without "just compensation." Taft asked the council to show compassion for bulb residents and to avoid a long and potentially expensive court fight.

"I cannot believe any of you feel good about this process," he said at the May 17 meeting.

Taft later read a poem about the landfill written by City Councilman Allan Maris.

Citing a verse that referred to works of nature on the bulb, Taft asked if the residents living there didn't "have at least as much right to enjoy (those works) as the birds and my small dog?"

Warning of the dangers bulb residents would experience if set loose among people he called "poverty pimps," Taft said, "these people have no where else to go."

"They are entitled to something," he added later, suggesting such matters might be addressed in court if the coun-

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Veterans memorial effort gains momentum

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Efforts to fund and build a veterans memorial at City Hall will come into the spotlight with ceremonies next week. The El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee reports that more than $8,000 has been raised toward the $10,000 goal, and a ground breaking ceremony is planned for Friday, May 28 at noon, three days, fittingly, before Memorial Day.

County Supervisor John Gioia and El Cerrito Mayor Gina Brusatori, among others, will attend the ceremony. The U-shaped memorial will be located on Manila Avenue between the City Hall parking lot and the civic gardens, and is expected to be completed by Veterans Day this November. Funding has come entirely from private donations.

"I have learned that the people in El Cerrito are genuine good-caring people," said Esther Sergeant, chairwoman of the memorial committee. "They come through in many many different forms, but they really are terrific people," she added. Most donations are smaller amounts — $10 to $25 — but the memorial committee has also received four donations of $500 each. Sergeant said the donations are "coming from the heart — from kind of a different group of people." The donors list numbers more than 100 people, Sergeant said.

Veterans Memorial Committee secretary Peg Berdan said that the granite rock that will be the centerpiece of the planned memorial is currently at the city's Corporation Yard on Schmidt Lane. El Cerrito High School art teacher Steve Temple chose the rock and is working with engravers in San Francisco.

Steve Mitchell, the city's building official, is working with the committee as an advisor, and Police Chief Linda Fellers is acting as treasurer for the fund raising effort.

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London Collectors Fair boasts vintage paper items

On Sunday, May 23, the public is invited to peruse and purchase fine books, ephemera and paper collectibles at the Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair at the Radisson Hotel, Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Now in its 19th year, fair is the East Bay's biggest and oldest book show. Over 50 dealers from throughout Northern California will be featuring books, ephemera and paper collectibles.

Book categories to be shown at the fair include fine, antiquarian, out-of-print, first editions, autographed and inscribed, small and private presses, and university presses.

Some of the subjects covered are animals, antiques, art, aviation, biography, California, cook books, film, juveniles, mysteries, oceanography, travel and history.

The ephemera and paper collectibles cover a variety of subjects, including autographs, advertising, ethnic, world fairs, calendars, catalogues, California, documents, maps, movie memorabilia, menus from luxury liners, original posters, prints, photographs, trade cards, pulp magazines, sheet music, theatre programs, railroading and tons of postcards.

Prizes, fun at EC Bike Safety Day

The El Cerrito Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit will be hosting a Bicycle Safety Day on Saturday, May 22, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Portola Middle School on Moeser Lane.

The department invites all school age children from kindergarten to sixth grade to come and participate.

The event will consist of several instructional stations designed to teach children to operate their bicycles safely and to prevent injuries. Organizers say this will also be an excellent opportunity for the children of our community to meet and interact with local police officers.

The first 100 children to complete the event will be given a free bicycle helmet.

There will also be a drawing for special raffle prizes which will include a new BMX bike and other prizes.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Harding spring carnival

The spring carnival at Harding Elementary, 7230 Fairmont Ave. in El Cerrito is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature an Astrojump, live entertainment, face painting, crafts, cake walk, games with prizes galore, barbecue (ably staffed by the El Cerrito/Albany Masonic Lodge), sno-cones and cotton candy. It's a day of fun for preschoolers on up. Details: 236-4122.

Peace memorial

In the wake of the tragic shootings in Littleton, Colo. that shocked the nation, a memorial committee for West County youth who died by violence is organizing a peace memorial "to honor the lives of those who died and to celebrate peace in our community" on May 23 at 2 p.m. at Miller-Knox Park. Those who attend what is being called "an event of spiritual healing" are asked to bring a picture of a lost loved one to be placed on a memorial wall. Details: Patricia Cain, 412-4464.

Soroptimist mini-grants

The Soroptimists of Albany will be awarding mini-grants to groups that serve members of the community. Call Ronnie Davis at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, ext. 16) for a one-page application, or send a letter with project description and funding needed to Ronnie Davis, c/o Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany 94706. The deadline for submitting applications is May 21, and organizations receiving awards will be notified by May 28.

Brews benefit

You can enjoy the best of spring brews along with a day at the races, and benefit handicapped children at the same time at Spring BeerFest `99, being staged May 22 at Golden Gate Fields from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, staged by Celebrator Beer News, offers 10 beer-tasting tickets to sample the best spring domestic microbrews and internationally known imports, plus a day of thoroughbred racing. Advance ticket buyers will also receive a commemorative glass. Tickets: $15 advance, $20 at the door. To order tickets, call 800 430-2337. Proceeds benefit Berkeley's Kids Project, a nonprofit dedicated to handicapped children.

Albany Co-op rummage sale

Albany Cooperative Preschool will hold a rummage sale froom 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22 in the preschool yard, 850 Masonic Ave. Come early for bargains on furniture, toys, clothing and other households. Details: 527-6403.

Preschool applications

Applications for Albany Preschool's 1999 Summer School are now available at the preschool. The eight-week session will begin on June 21 and end on Aug. 13. There will be a morning parent co-operative program (9 a.m. to noon) and an afternoon non-parent participation program (noon to 3 p.m., or noon to 5 p.m.). It is possible to sign up for mornings, afternoons, or both. Albany Preschool, 850 Masonic Ave., is also currently enrolling students for its fall Afternoon Non-Parent Participation Program. The preschool program hours are noon to 3 p.m., or noon to 5 p.m. Both prograrns are available to potty-trained children who are at least 3 years old by Dec. 2 through pre-kindergarten. Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. There is a $25 non-refundable application fee to be paid at the time of registration. Details: 527-6403.

Senior Pancake Breakfast

A Senior Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 23, at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. The cost is $4 for adults, $2 for children 3 to 10, and free for children under 3. Details: Anne Haden, Friends of Albany Seniors, 527-9413 or fax her at 527-4678.

Catherine Sneed Is speaker

The People/Plant Connection of Northern California — a local chapter of the American Horticultural Therapy Association — is holding its first meeting, Saturday, June 5, from 1-4 p.m. at Rubicon Homes, 970-13th St. at Visalia, Richmond, phone 234-4860. Special guest speaker is Catherine Sneed. Sneed has successfully developed rehabilitative horticultural Therapy programs in the San Bruno County Prison system and has established community service garden connections. Call Karen Talbot at 925-376-1157.

Bay Area Storytelling Festival

Nationally renowned storytellers Donald Davis, Elizabeth Ellis, Vi Hilbert, Dan Keding and Alice McGill will treat local audiences to live performances of traditional tales, ballads, ghost stories and legends at the 14th Bay Area Storytelling Festival on Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Kennedy Grove Regional Park in El Sobrante. Park entrance is on San Pablo Dam Road, one half mile south of Castro Ranch Road. Ticket prices are for single events $7, $4 for children, up to $47 for the whole weekend. Discounts for families, seniors and advance purchases. Details: 654-5746 or (650) 952-3397.

Albany High Spring Concert

Albany High School's Instrumental Spring Concert is Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. featuring the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and the Intro to Rock 'n' Roll Band.

Music Awards at Albany High

Albany High School's Instrumental Music Awards Night is Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. All families of AHS instrumental music students are invited.

Quilters present a lecture

East Bay Heritage Quilters will present a lecture by Kathryn Berenson, the author of "Quilts of Provence." Her interest in textiles began as a child, endured a 15-year career as a newspaper and television journalist, and became fulfilled when she was exhibiting antique American quilts in Paris. There she discovered the quilted textile treasures of France. She finds the study of antique textiles much more tranquil than covering news. The lecture will be held on Monday May 24 at 7:30 p.m. In the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Moeser Lane at Arlington Avenue in Kensington. Admission for members is free and non-members $3. For further information, call Valerie Yeaton at 339-0135, or Margo Weeks at 233-6771.

Kensington Library book sale

Friends of the Kensington Library are holding a book sale on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 61 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. There will be lots of children's books, records, foreign language books, paperbacks, collector's items, books on tape, computer texts, videos, reference books and cookbooks. For information, please call 524-3043.

Hudson feted with retirement dinner

A retirement dinner-dance for Albany Unified School District Superintendent J. Dale Hudson will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Tickets are $40 per person. Ticket deadline is May 29. Seating is limited. Call Beverly Feusier in the Office of the Superintendent. For additional information call 559-6614.

A number of auto burglaries report

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 3:30 a.m. on May 10, Albany officers contacted a man pushing a white '83 Nissan on San Pablo Avenue near Gilman Street. The man, a 36-year-old from Sacramento, had run out of gas. During questioning, a glass pipe used for smoking illegal drugs fell out of the man's pant leg. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. His car was towed because of expired registration.

■ On the morning of May 10, a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue discovered that her red '87 Toyota Celica was missing from in front of her house. There were no witnesses to the theft.

■ On the afternoon of May 11, Albany officers stopped a rust-colored Ford Mustang on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue for not having current registration. The driver, a 24-year-old Richmond man, was found to have a suspended driver's license and was arrested. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the evening of May 11 Albany officers stopped a 45-year-old Albany man who was known to have outstanding warrants. A check found he had an outstanding Albany warrant for battery in the amount of $2,000, and an outstanding Oakland warrant for trespassing on railroad property. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 2 a.m. on May 12, Albany officers observed a '78 Datsun speeding and weaving while traveling north on San Pablo Avenue. The driver also failed to yield to an emergency vehicle. The car was finally stopped on San Pablo Avenue near Fairmont Avenue and the driver, a 44-year-old Berkeley woman, was found to be intoxicated. She failed the field sobriety test with a score of .23/.24 and was arrested. She was held and released when sober.

■ On the morning of May 12, a man reported that he had parked his blue '72 Ford pickup on the 700 block of Masonic Avenue while he entered a residence for two to five minutes. When he returned to his unlocked car, he found that thieves had stolen his black canvas briefcase. There were no witnesses and the thieves were nowhere to be seen.

■ Later on the morning of May 12, a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his red Ford Aspire and stole a bag from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of May 13, a resident on the 1100 block of Washington Avenue reported that someone threw a rock through his bedroom window. No suspects were seen in the area.

■ At about 1 a.m. on May 16, Albany officers located a green '98 Ford which had crashed into one of the pilings north of the lot at Golden Gate Fields. The car's air bags had

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been deployed and the he... were still on, but no one wa... in the area. The car was to... a check found that it had b... ported stolen from Pinol... owner was notified.

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■ On the morning of May ... bany officers patrolling th... block of Pierce Street reporte... ing two cars that had been b... into while parked on the s... Thieves had smashed the w... of a red '88 Nissan and stole ... sette stereo. Thieves had als... ken into an '81 Porsche by ... ing a window, but nothing ap... to be missing. There were n... nesses in either incident.

During the week of May 9 A... officers towed three cars, respo... to eight false alarms, attended ... lost or deceased animals, as... eight people who were locked ... their house or car and respon... three reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, offic... sponded to seven reports of di... turbances and 65 civil assists. A... officers stopped 99 vehicles, is... 42 citations and 47 warnings. A... firefighter/paramedics respon... 10 medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO BLOTTER

Unsubtle robber hits El Cerrito bank

By James Carter

Mechanics Bank robbed

Just before 1 p.m., April 26, a man slipped a note to a Mechanics Bank teller demanding she hand over 50, 20- and 100-dollar bills, warning her to make "no subtle moves or I'll shoot." The gunman stuffed the cash into his pocket and strolled out of the door.

Nothin' to sneeze at

At 7:21 a.m., May 1, a young man made a rash move at the Safeway Store on the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue, where he snatched two boxes of Sudafed and fled.

Gin rummy

At 7:30 p.m., May 2, a 29-year-old man pocketed a bottle of gin at the Safeway Store on San Pablo Avenue. But the hazel-eyed thief was red-faced when he returned for his bag, which was left behind in his haste. The man was arrested for petty theft and for public intoxication.

The long and the short of it

On May 4, a 51-year-old woman shopping at Longs in El Cerrito Plaza stuffed $15.90 of merchandise into her purse and was arrested for petty theft.

Video heist foiled

Two boys battled their hormones and the law May 5 at Silver Screen Video in El Cerrito Plaza. The boys, both thought to be younger than 14, stuffed two adult movies and a Playboy tape into their pants but were caught red-handed by a 20-year-old female employee. They made a run for it and remain at large.

Target targeted...

A 47-year-old male wea... work pants and boots conce... $29.99 of merchandise in ... pocket May 9 at the Target ... on San Pablo Avenue. As h... tempted to return the good... store credit, he was arreste... petty theft

Again

Also at Target on May 9, a ... year-old woman tried to walk ... the store without paying for $... in goods and was arrested for ... theft.

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IN BRIEF

Gloria Galindo named principal at AHS

ALBANY — The Albany Unified School District Board of Education has appointed Assistant Principal Gloria Galindo as principal of Albany High School for the 1999/2000 school year.

Galindo has been serving as the assistant principal at Albany High since January. Prior to that she served three years as assistant principal at Balboa High School in San Francisco.

She also taught social studies and special education for six years at the high school level and served as a middle school assistant principal during the summers of 1994 and 1995.

She received her masters degree in administration from St. Mary's College, her bachelors degree from Sonoma State University and her teaching credentials from San Francisco State University. Galindo is a native of San Francisco.

Multicultural parade

EL CERRITO —The First Annual Richmond-El Cerrito Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival is Saturday, May 22, starting at 11 a.m. with a parade from Richmond to the El Cerrito Community Center. The event highlighting the area's diversity has been organized by Celebrating Culture and Community.

Highlighting the day will be a Multicultural Festival from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

The parade and festival are funded by a $2,500 grant from the California Arts Council.

Circus returns

EL CERRITO — Circus Chimera, "The Circus of the Future" that played before large turnouts at the El Cerrito Plaza last year, opens here tonight for a four-day run, and children 12 years and under will get the opportunity to see the show free of charge.

Sponsored again by the El Cerrito Plaza Co. and the Plaza Merchants Association, the circus will open at 7:30 p.m. tonight in "Big Blue" 1,800-seat tent erected in the shopping center's parking lot.

Now available throughout the community are special coupons which will admit a child to the section C Bleachers free when accompanied by a paying adult. These coupons can also be used for seats in the more expensive sections by simply paying the price difference.

These children's passes are now available at most local stores displaying the Circus Chimera poster, at area schools and at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

Starting at 10 a.m. today, tickets for all eight local performances will be on sale at a booth near the main tent. Those wishing to use MasterCard and Visa may order tickets by calling toll free 1-888-663-7464.

For its second appearance here, Circus Chimera officials have set the following performance schedule: Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, May 21, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 22, 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 23, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Adults 13 years and older may purchase tickets in Section A Ringside for $16 each; children 2 through 12, $10. Section B Side Section seats cost $14 for adults and $8 for children. Adults will be charged $12 and children $6 for Section C seats.

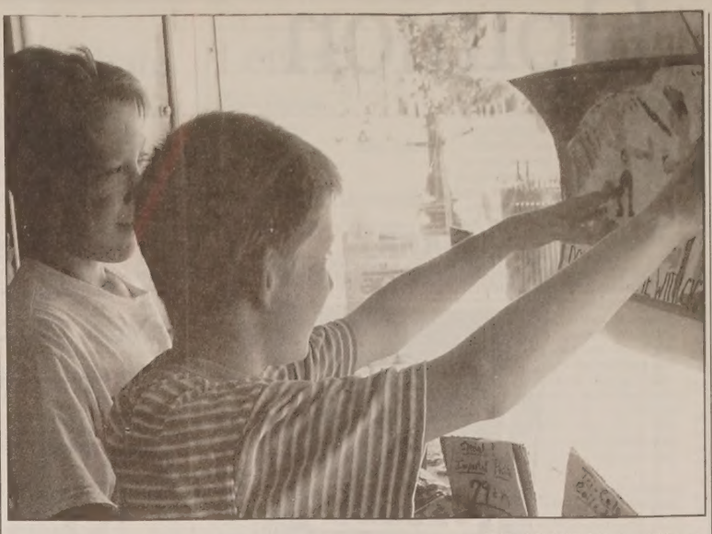
Thank a teacher

ALBANY — Parents of graduating seniors are encouraged to express thanks to their favorite teacher by writing a personal message on a special "Apple for the Teacher" card. The Albany Education Foundation calls it a chance to say "Thanks a million!" to a special teacher in Albany Schools.

The "apples" will be displayed on an "apple tree" at the Albany Library. You are invited to donate $19.99 to the Albany Education Foundation in honor of your graduate and their favorite teacher. Details: 524-7797.

Donate old glasses

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Lions Club is asking people to donate their used eyeglasses and sunglasses for recyling to people who need them in developing countries. During the month of May, El Cerrito Lions will be collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program throughout the United States and Canada. The glasses will be distributed to the poor in developing countries where eyewear is often unaffordable and inaccessible. The eye glasses will be cleaned and sorted by prescription. Volunteer eye doctors will dispense them free of charge at clinics in developing countries. All sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription, are also welcome. Donation buckets are located during May at Mechanics Bank, Longs Drugs, Ace Pastime Hardware, Cal-Fed Bank, El Cerrito Police Department and El Cerrito city offices and year round at Sunshine Cleaners, Fairmount Beauty Salon and El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Parents and students can donate at the following participating schools: Castro, Harding, St.Jerome's, St.John's, Prospect, Sierra, Pacific Academy, Portola Middle School and El Cerrito High School.



KRIS AND KYLE Harbord-Moore put their anti-smoking artwork in the window of Zarris Deli on Solano.

Albany kids speak out against glamorizing smoking

By James Carter

ALBANY — More than a dozen children from UC Village asked Mayor Peggy Thomsen to help them convince Hollywood moguls to stop promoting tobacco use in movies.

At the May 17 City Council meeting, 9-year-old Clancy Miller said he watches movies twice a month and is upset when films like "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "The Muppet Movie" include scenes featuring tobacco use.

"People who smoke get really sick and they can die," explained 8-year-old Melissa Lopez.

Children handed each member of the council a calendar featuring their art work — all focused on a campaign to rid Hollywood movies of tobacco promotion.

The children's campaign was organized by Pauline Bondonno Cross, working with "Artists Resisting Tobacco." The project is also sponsored by the Community Health Education Institute in Berkeley.

As one child after another addressed the council and a large crowd, each spoke with skillful authority.

Kyle Harbord-Moore said that when children and teens see actors smoking in films, "it makes them think smoking is cool." But the 12-year-old announced, "it's not."

Other speakers included 11-year-old Hua Hu, Julia Cross, age 13, and 8-year-old Ana Clara Muñoz.

At the end of the presentation, Thomsen smiled and assured them she would join them in their efforts to blow the smoke out of Hollywood.

For more information contact Pauline Bondonno Cross, 526-8736.

Baxter Creek walking tour planned as part of RAC exhibition

EL CERRITO — The Friends of Baxter Creek will participate in Richmond Art Center's "Spaces of Nature" exhibition at a walking tour of the Baxter Creek watershed on Saturday, June 12, at 1 p.m. This free tour of the damaged creek environments of West Contra Costa County will begin at the Richmond Art Center and include a discussion of how ecological problems can be solved through the creative use of natural materials.

The public is invited to join the walking tour guided by Daniel McCormick, Spaces of Nature artist; Carole Schemmerling, Bay Area Coordinator of the Urban Creeks Council of California; and Lisa Viani, co-founder of Friends of Baxter Creek.

Organized by the Richmond Art Center and the Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, the Spaces of Nature exhibition runs through July 3 at the Richmond Art Center and from July 25 through Sept. 12 at the Armory Center.

Featured in the exhibition are nine Northern California installation artists who incorporate aspects of nature into their work: Tony Bellaver, Mark Brest Van Kempen, Alex B. Champion, Pauletta M. Chanco, Angelika Hofmann, S. Mark Research, Daniel McCormick, Keiko Nelson, and Laurie Polster.

The exhibition will be kicked off with a free panel discussion about our evolving relationship to the environment and contemporary perceptions of "nature" on Saturday, June 5, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Richmond Art Center, followed by a reception for the artists from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The discussion will feature guest curator Dr. Peter Selz and the exhibition artists.

The Anima Mundi Dance Company will present a special performance in connection with the Spaces of Nature exhibition on Sunday, June 20, at 2 p.m. at the Richmond Art Center. Based in Richmond and directed by choreographer Kathryn Roszak and visual artist/composer Christopher Castle, the company creates performances linking the environment, arts, and humanity. The performance is $5 for the general public and free for Richmond Art Center members.

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A wise investment in Albany's future

There is no better guage of a community than its schools, and the superior reputation enjoyed by Albany's schools have kept the city a desirable place to live. Property values in Albany have stayed above average in great part because of the number of families seeking to move here.

But the reputation of the Albany Unified School District is gradually being overtaken by reality — the reality that the district's budget is inadequate to keep pace with the costs of providing the types of offerings that mean a full educational experience for the city's youth.

Inflation and the cost of funding state-mandated programs, including class-size reduction, have left funds lacking for programs formerly taken for granted.

Science, art, music, foreign language and athletics are not part of the "three R's", but they are equally vital in a young person's education, and these areas are sorely in need of funding, as are the district's understaffed school libraries. These are not frills, but educational necessities, ones past generations expected that today's students cannot. The funding to meet these needs will not come from the state, which is why Measure A is on the ballot in a special election June 8.

In our view the decision is not a hard one.

As Albany's young people go, so goes Albany, both in human and financial terms.

The type of people we send into society tomorrow hinges on the education they receive today. Students receiving a well-rounded, stimulating education are also less likely to be young people who are bored and find the wrong outlets for their energy.

And investing in youth and Albany's future through a healthy school system will keep the city a desirable place to come and protect the investment homeowners have already made to live here.

Measure A will not take care of all the district's needs, but it will go a long way to providing the kind of education our young people deserve. It is an investment that will be paid many times over in the future.

The Journal urges you to vote yes on Measure A on June 8.

VIEWPOINT

It's time to make Marin Avenue safe for everyone

By Bruce Mast

There is a growing consensus in Albany that the current situation on Marin Avenue is unacceptable. There are too many cars, they drive too fast, and it's too dangerous to cross the street at unsignalized intersections. Marin winds through a residential neighborhood, past an elementary school, the library and the community center. The volume and speed of traffic on the avenue is an increasing hazard to residents.

Albany residents' attitudes toward Marin were clear in the recent city workshops for the Citywide Transportation Plan. Observations and analysis of traffic volume and speed data generally confirmed the problems reported by residents.

Unfortunately, while we generally agree on the problem, there is less unanimity about the solution. But a dispassionate look at the traffic analysis to date strongly suggests that the only solution that will address all the problems adequately is to restripe Marin Avenue from four lanes to three.

The basic concept is fairly straightforward. The proposal calls for restriping Marin Avenue with three lanes from Kains Avenue east to The Alameda. Two through lanes for cars in each direction would convert to one through lane in each direction with a left-turn lane in the middle.

Restriping would free up space for a standard-width bicycle lane in each direction, while preserving on-street parking. Depending on community preferences, the project could also incorporate intersection treatments such as corners that bulb out to reduce pedestrian crossing distances.

This proposal would be relatively simple and, depending on design details, could be cheap to implement. Nevertheless, it would represent a change, so it bumps up against our apprehension of change.

In my experience, residents' ask two questions about the proposal.

First, couldn't we improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists on Marin through less-drastic means?

Second, will a restriped avenue be able to handle traffic without producing gridlock and chaos?

To answer the first question, it is useful to consider how restriping addresses the three main issues: pedestrian safety, traffic speeds, and traffic volumes.

Restriping improves pedestrian safety. Pedestrian safety is a significant issue at all intersections. Between Tulare and San Pablo Avenue, there are 11 unsignalized intersections and four with signals, including San Pablo Avenue.

Unsignalized intersections are a particular concern because drivers often fail to yield to pedestrians. Most people have probably experienced or observed a close call when a car in the right lane has stopped for a pedestrian, but cars in the left lane fail to stop. Two lanes of traffic each way are hazardous for adults and children alike. Restriping eliminates this hazard.

Restriping also improves pedestrian safety by shortening the distance pedestrians have to travel. Crossing only three lanes means less time in the crosswalk exposed to traffic. By adding a left-turn lane in the middle, pedestrians also have a buffer zone where they can stop if they misjudge the breaks in traffic.

Restriping slows down traffic, as speeding vehicles can no longer pass vehicles observing the speed limit.

Currently, a driver respecting the speed limit is passed by just about every other car on the road. After restriping, if one driver goes 25 mph, everyone goes 25 mph. Drivers also have a basic tendency to drive only as fast as feels comfortable. If the street is nice and wide, lightly traveled, with multiple lanes and long sight lines, drivers will go fast. If the street is narrower and more heavily traveled, they will go slower. Restriping encourages drivers to slow down by making the street feel narrower and more heavily traveled.

Reducing traffic speed also reduces noise and increases pedestrian and bicycle safety by reducing the number and severity of bicycle and pedestrian accidents.

Restriping discourages increased traffic volumes. Marin Avenue is designed to serve residents in Albany and North Berkeley. This area is not growing significantly in population — it is built out. However, as development and populations expand to East Contra Costa and to the north, Marin Avenue will become increas-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council undermines public vote

E.C. City Council:

I voted for Gina Brusatori and Larry Damon. I want my vote to count. The council's plan is a violation of public trust. Why vote if the council changes it to suit their agenda?

Margaret L. Hervert
El Cerrito

Don't take my vote away!

Editor:

I wholeheartedly support your call for fairness expressed in your editorial in the May 13 edition of The Journal. However, you should know that the El Cerrito City Council's vote to change the election year in El Cerrito cuts the term of three members short by one year, not just two.

I think Mayor Brusatori and Councilman Damon have both clearly described the reasons that elected officials should never override the will of the electorate that has been expressed at the polls.

I, for one, will not support any elected official that acts to take my vote away, no matter how noble she/he thinks her/his reasons are. I urge all citizens of El Cerrito who agree with this position to tell three of our council members, "Don't take our votes away!"

Al Miller
El Cerrito

Change the future election

It seems unfair to me that the two El Cerrito city council members who were elected in 1997 have their terms shortened by one year. A voter expects that when they elect an official into office, they will be in that office for the stated term at that time. To retroactivate the terms from four to three years for Larry Damon and Gina Brusatorre seems not only unjust to them, but to the people of El Cerrito. Why vote if what one votes for passes in an election and can be changed without the consent of the one who voted? Change the future elected official's terms, not the terms of the ones who are already in office.

W.L. Gallo
El Cerrito

Decision based on politics, not ethics

Just when we thought it was safe to trust the El Cerrito City Council to make an intelligent and ethical decision concerning the merits of a proposed change in the election year cycle from odd to even, once more three incumbent members have proven that the old imperial council was alive and well in our city.

Rather than putting the pro and con of a date change and the mechanism for this change before the voters, Councilmembers LaForce, Bartke and Friedman chose to cut short the terms of the three continuing members elected in the previous election cycle — thereby abrogating your vote and mine.

Why suddenly decide to change the election date? It's not about saving a mere $7,000, since incumbents LaForce and Bartke have never hesitated to vote large sums in the hundreds of thousands of dollars for a myriad of "experts," consultants, "studies," lawsuits, a will-of-the-wisp Plaza remake by Wilton Terranomics that was a total disaster and waste of an estimated $600,000.

No surprise — it's about politics and the fear on the part of a small clique of individuals who have controlled the City Council for the past 30 years and now feel that a better educated and informed electorate will take control of city government and put it on a more responsible and accountable financial footing — rather than continue the credit card, debt-is-good mentality of the past. It is also easier to bury more tax increases and spending initiatives in a long ballot where people will vote the state, national, and "hot button" issues and ignore the local offices and issues.

Sunnyvale and Pleasant Hill, faced with a change of election date, put it on the ballot in their respective cities. Do El Cerrito voters deserve any less consideration?

Evelyn Kiresen
El Cerrito

Why we need the parcel tax

If parents and students want to ensure that money is spent for specific, locally decided purposes, it needs to be money that we raise locally. Here is why:

As was touted during the campaign, the governor's proposed budget had a heavy emphasis on education. In mid-May, the Department of Finance will issue a "May revise" of state revenues and expenditures. These new numbers will affect the cost of living adjustment which school districts will receive. This is commonly called a "COLA."

You may hear a number that sounds pretty good. In past years, the problem has been in the details. Some popular programs have not received a COLA at all. Some programs have received a reduced rate. Generally, the state has also applied what they call a "deficit factor." What it really amounts to, is that districts are not paid the full amount of the COLA.

The governor and the legislative leadership also want to fund their pet programs. Albany may not wish to offer some of these, or we may not qualify for participation. When I first became involved with school budgets, over 70 percent of state funds came to districts for local general purposes. It's close to 50 percent now; the rest is earmarked for special programs.

That's why parents and students who want to ensure that money is spent for specific purposes (such as additional music or drama courses at high school or science classes at middle school) need to raise that money locally. Measure A contains a list of program areas identified as Albany's priorities, and requires that the money raised be spent only in those areas.

Please vote Yes on Measure A on June 8.

Marsha Skinner,
Member, Board of Education
Albany Unified School District

Why schools need steady source of funding

I am writing in response to a letter which was in your paper on May 6, regarding Measure A, the proposed schools' tax which will be on the ballot in Albany on June 8. The writer was concerned about the fact that the tax, if passed, will be increased each year to meet the current inflation rate, as published each year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I wish to convey the reasoning behind the decision (made by the Citizen's Parcel Tax Committee) to have the annual tax increase tied to "real" inflation.

The 1987 schools' tax passed by Albany voters has a 2 percent cap on inflation annually. However, inflation in the Bay area has been more than two percent annually for several years. (In April of 1998, it was 3.1 percent). Therefore, this tax has not kept pace with inflation. As with everything, it costs more to run the same programs now than it did in 1987. In addition, the state next year proposes giving the schools a paltry 1.83 percent cost of living increase. Our school district will have to make up the difference, as usual. If taxes don't keep up with inflation, it's our kids who lose out.

Those of us on the committee thought long and hard about the language of Measure A when drafting it. If it passes, this tax will raise $1 million per year more for our schools beginning Sept. 1999. In two, five or 10 years, we want the tax to continue to be able to support $1 million in programs, not less. We don't want to provide programs and services for our children now, and then have to cut these same programs in a few years because we can no longer afford them, due to inflation.

Albany's children deserve more counselors, more music, more arts, science and library resources. For $10 a month, we can give them more of these things. $10 a month will not, of course, give our schools everything they need or deserve, but something is better than nothing.

Please vote Yes on Measure A on June 8.

P.S. If you want to read the entire language of this ballot measure, or read answers to FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) about Measure A, please log on to www.web-traders.com/~Yes4Albany Schools. If you'd rather talk to a person, feel free to call me at 526-9360. I'll try my best to answer your ques-

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

The Measure A debate

Why not seek alternative funding?

ould like to urge Albany voters to vote no on Measure A on Tuesday, 8. This measure, submitted by the Albany Unified School district, assess every residential unit $120 every year (with increases for in- until a homeowner reaches the age of 65. Renters would not be as- at all.

ause Albany residents have forgotten, we currently are being assessed onal taxes on a variety of matters; there is a city landscaping and light- x, which commenced in 1988, a library tax, a school tax initiated sev- ears ago, and a second city tax for clean water creeks, playing fields nd purchases. Albany citizens approved each of these assessments. questions are: will these assessments ever end; are we not being enough already? When Albany property owners finally say no to in- ed taxes, then a message will be sent to governmental and quasi-pub- encies to seek alternative funding. The Livermore school district, in unction with its city government, recently floated a bond issue to ac- needed funds. Why hasn't Albany and its school district examined ternative?

y taxes have increased by about 60 percent since 1984. So have yours own a home in Albany. It is the right time to send the school district gnal that we are tired of being assessed with more tax.

ase vote no on Measure A.

Jeffrey D. Black
Albany

No alternatives available to meet school district's needs

nce the passage of Proposition 13 which reduced funds available to l districts and local governments, the citizens of Albany have responded ously by assessing themselves to restore needed programs and ser-

hen the extent of the current program shortfall in Albany schools drew attention last year, a group of Albany citizens of all ages came to- er to study the problem and to find a way to fund the school programs his involved community expects. The state government in Sacramento proven again and again, as schools are funded at a level which places rnia 41st in the nation, that the state will not be the source of the Albany needs. Many ideas were discussed, but the group concluded assure a stable income stream over which the community could have control, an additional assessment would be necessary.

parcel tax was selected because general obligation bonds can only be or fixed capital expenses. In previous years, Albany citizens approved a bond issue to provide the upgraded and safe facilities our children need.

hose monies, we have been able to retrofit Cornell School, build a mod- ddle school and will be constructing a seismically safe new high school. r group requested that the board place this parcel tax on the ballot be- we know how important it is that our schools remain strong and ef- e. Stated simply, if our schools remain strong, property values stay high e wonderful vitality of our community is maintained. If our schools re- strong, families will continue to choose Albany as a place to live.

bany's relatively safe and secure small-town atmosphere in the midst large Bay Area metropolitan environment is in no small measure a t of the family orientation of this community. So even though none of oys paying taxes, we hope that our fellow citizens will agree with us here can be no better investment as a community than in our children, schools, and therefore our community's future.

ase join us on June 8 and say, Yes! For Albany Schools. Vote Yes on sure A.

Rob Kessler,
parent, Albany property owner,

afety

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ttractive as a route to downtown eley, Lawrence Berkeley Lab, and to Walnut Creek and beyond. We have to tolerate additional traffic gh our neighborhoods. Restrip- akes Marin a serviceable street e local community while dis- ging regional commuter traffic. he question still remains ether s actually have to take away auto la to achieve these benefits. Let's co ider two of the better al- atives: n re aggressive traffic en- ement, ar more traffic signals. The main e ct of aggressive traf- enforcemen would be to reduce ic speeds. H wever, this effect d only be ma ained as long as ssive enforcen nt can be main- d.

iven current and ticipated po- department fundin it is unreal- to expect that ag ssive en- ement can be ntained nitely. The state takes su a large on of speeding ticket reve es that lose money issuing the ti ets. enforcement reduced t affic ds, pedestrian safety woul be roved. But cars stopping r strians would still invite th strian into a potential conflic less-courteous drivers. In addi- traffic enforcement would do ng to discourage growth in traf- olumes.

a nutshell, if all we do is more ssively ticket speeding drivers, ill have high enforcement costs ess safety benefits than we will y restriping the street.

affic signals can be a good way w down traffic if the signals are nnected.

ite simply, if you drive 25 mph get all green lights; otherwise ve to stop. More signals would ly improve pedestrian safety eriously unsignaled intersec- They also help the remaining aled intersections by forcing travel in platoons with plenty s in between.

, traffic signals by themselves address the hazards of cross- ur anes of traffic, nor do they ss traffic volumes. Ideally, the should seriously consider adding signals as part of a restriping pro-

hile a restriping project ad- es our neighborhood issues in that other strategies can't, the uestion remains: will a re- ed avenue actually be able to le the traffic volumes? Though ual glance at Marin during rush might invite skepticism, care- udies to date indicate the an- is yes.

affic engineers have measured ic volume at key intersections on Marin, including left- and right-turn movements, and modeled traffic flows for the current configuration.

They have then re-run the models for a three-lane road and found that traffic flow is acceptable as long as we keep four lanes between Kains and San Pablo. At some intersections, right-turn lanes may also be required, which would be accomplished by removing on-street parking on the near side of intersections within 150 feet of key intersections such as Santa Fe, Peralta and Masonic. In this scenario, few cars would detour to parallel streets.

Solano Avenue would offer no time savings and the other parallel streets don't go anywhere.

Surprisingly, three lanes can be adequate even though there are sometimes long queues at intersections, even with four lanes.

Today, queues sometimes build at signals when vehicles turning left block the fast lane. Then, other cars scramble to change lanes. In addition to increasing the likelihood of rear-end and sideswipe accidents, this condition creates congestion.

With the proposed restriping, vehicles turning left would enter the left-turn lane and await an opportunity to turn. Vehicles traveling through the intersection would travel efficiently on their way.

The computer model is confirmed by the many other communities that have restriped four-lane roads to three, with good results for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Typically, these roads carry between 10,000 and 20,000 vehicles a day, though a few successful projects involved streets that carry as many as 30,000 vehicles a day. Marin carries about 21,000 vehicles a day near San Pablo Avenue and fewer by the hills.

Nevertheless, there are some important questions the city should be able to answer before pulling out the street paint.

The city is evaluating changes to the signaled intersections to see how to provide increased pedestrian crossing times and shorter delays for pedestrians crossing Marin.

They should also make sure that traffic queues at red lights won't block other intersections and that the restriped street will still allow vehicles to safely cross Marin Avenue at unsignaled intersections.

If those studies show positive results, then the restriping project should get the green light.

Bruce Mast is a past Albany City Council member.

Letters

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tions. Thanks.

Janet Seltzer

Memorial to youth killed by violence

We have all wept over the Colorado killings, 15 beautiful children and their teacher blown away in some lethal rage.

On May 23 at 2 p.m. in Miller Knox Park in Richmond, we will be honoring our dead children, killed by violence — over 100 of them, under 21, since 1994.

Isn't it strange how most of us seem to ignore the one-by-one killings in our area and the suffering of their families?

The Memorial Committee for West Contra Costa County Youth Killed by Violence invites you to the ceremony and to see the benches decorated with tiles presented by friends, families and community members for those who have died.

Jean B. Siri
El Cerrito

"Love makes a family"

Dear Albany parents;

I want to bring your attention to a photo exhibit of gay and lesbian families entitled, "Love Makes A Family" that will be at the Albany Library May 18-31. I know that Albany principals have encouraged all teachers to take their classes to see the exhibit as part of their commitment to ending prejudice.

Your kids might wonder how some of their friends have two moms or two dads. I want to make a special plea to the parents of my children's schoolmates — take your children to see the photo exhibit.

Talk with them about the common existence of gay and lesbian families in Albany, the Bay area and the world at large.

This exposure, familiarity and normalization of gays and lesbians will certainly be a step in the direction of eradicating the homophobia and heterosexism that plagues our community and society at large. It's only one step, but every opportunity is essential in ensuring the emotional and physical safety of children from gay/lesbian families, the one out of 10 kids who are/will be gay/lesbian, and the children who naturally or bravely step outside of the rigidly prescribed gender roles.

Whether you've heard it/seen or not, we do have a problem with homophobia and heterosexism in Albany. Talk to middle schoolers who get harassed. Talk to the children with gay parents who have to face hurtful and ignorant comments like "You can't have two moms!"

Hate violence towards gays and lesbians is in both Bay Area and national news, and according to recently released statistics, is becoming increasingly violent. Gay youth, or any youth associated with "gayness," are in danger of physical and emotional violence. This is a fact. Unless we intervene and change the way our children deal with the issues, nothing will change. This is one way that you can make a difference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Deborah Godner
Albany parent/Berkeley teacher

Renters do pay

I read with interest the exchange between Martin Ilian and Teresa Barnett regarding Albany's Measure A in May 13's Journal. In response to Ilian's question as to whether rents would be exempt from the $10/month parcel tax to benefit Albany schools, Barnett states, "Renters in homes or apartments will not receive this tax bill — just like they do not pay regular property tax."

While it is true that renters do not receive property tax bills, their property owners certainly do, and those bills will be increasing $120 per year for each residential unit., i.e., each apartment and rental home. I doubt that many rental property owners will be willing to absorb this cost.

Renters absolutely do pay property taxes as a portion of their rents, and many renters will find themselves making up this difference after the July 1, 1999 implementation date of the new tax.

With other expenses increasing as well, rent increases will not likely be limited to $10 per month. Unfortunately, the much touted "Senior Exemption" of Measure A is available for the primary residence of senior property owners only, senior renters need not apply.

I also found interesting in Barnett's letter the statement that, "Measure A will provide about $350 per student for our schools," i.e., by simple math, at $120 per unit, about three residences will be taxed for each benefiting student. Obviously, Albany renters will pay more than their fair share for Measure A.

Evan R. Flavell
Albany

Vote for Measure A

On June 8, Albany voters will have an opportunity to strengthen our excellent public schools by voting "yes" on Measure A at a special election. This community inspired measure asks for a small extra assessment ($10/month) that goes directly to high-quality educational programs in Albany public schools.

Everyone in Albany benefits from strong public schools. When families move to Albany "for the schools," our neighborhoods and property values flourish. When Albany's children are well-educated, they grow and thrive and learn how to contribute to our society as teenagers and adults.

Our two young children are among the many in Albany who directly benefit from our public schools, thanks to well-planned educational experiences and wonderful, inspiring teachers.

Please take the time to vote for Albany's schools at the special election on Tuesday, June 8.

Merry Selk
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Albany

Area code overlay a bad idea

We just received notice about the telephone company area code overlay system to cover Alameda County in July, 2000. This crazy idea has got to go.

AB818, a law sponsored by Assemblyman Wally Knox of Los Angeles, outlaws the overlay system. I urge everyone to get behind this law. Write your state legislator.

We cannot allow the PUC to make our lives more complicated just because they have a cockamamie system for only allocating new phone numbers in batches of 10,000.

Margot Smith
Berkeley

Heroes who deserve to be remembered

A recent documentary on the U.S. Army's 442nd Regiment and its exploits in World War II in Europe is a biting but inspiring story of uncommon bravery in war. What makes this story different is that the regiment was made up exclusively of young Japanese American volunteers.

One of their best known exploits was the rescue of 200 men of a Texas battalion surrounded by German units. After a savage fight against a large enemy force, the 442nd regiment succeeded in rescuing the 200 GIs.

But the regiment paid a heavy price, losing 800 of their men. For such exploits of valor, the unit received many commendations, becoming the most-decorated regiment in American history.

Their valor was made more extraordinary by the burden, occasioned by war hysteria, of having to "prove" their loyalty and knowing their loved ones were in "detention" camps back home.

These young Americans of Japanese ancestry, especially the many who gave their lives in battle, should never be forgotten and should forever be part of the folklore of great American heroes.

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However, even eating a healthy diet often isn't enough. Vitamin and mineral supplements can make the difference.

Both individuals and their physicians often overlook one of these crucial minerals. That mineral is magnesium. As many as 25 percent of us who suffer from diabetes are deficient in magnesium. Similar concerns are expressed by health care professionals for people with heart disease, high blood pressure and osteoporosis.

Although critical to good health, awareness of magnesium's importance is low. In a recent survey prepared for Roberts Pharmaceuticals Corp., 78 percent of respondents didn't know that magnesium was critical to their optimal health maintenance.

Seniors, especially women, will want to note that magnesium helps the body absorb calcium better to fight bone loss. Magnesium has also been shown to lessen the effects of menopause.

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Magnesium deficiency is especially a consideration for people on certain medications, a diet high in protein and fat, excessive alcohol consumption or for any of us over age 50. Additionally, magnesium deficiency can trigger asthma attacks, angina, cardiac arrest or gastritis.

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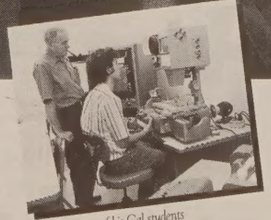
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Respect

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discussions where students learned about respecting the differences between people.

Respect oneself

"Day of Respect" included a complicated schedule that rotated the entire student body from film showings, the play and student-led discussion groups.

Forums, also led by students, provided participants the opportunity to talk openly about gay rights and other issues.

During one lively and often gritty discussion, male students were asked what they believed it meant to be a man. After listing an wild array of descriptions on the chalk board, the handful of young women present were asked what was meant by the expression "act like a lady."

The descriptions varied, as did the reaction to them. The point — which eventually appeared to be embraced by the overwhelming majority — was that people have different values and experiences and don't necessarily see things the same way. Rather than mock, tease or belittle individuals or groups not like their own, teens agreed they should learn to accept the differences and respect each other.

"I thought today was a good thing," said 15-year-old Jibreel Wright, a two-sport athlete. "There's a lot of people that need to recognize that there are gay people and it is all right to be gay."

"Personally, I wouldn't want to be gay," Wright added, "but they're all right and I respect them, especially when they have the guts to come out and say that they're gay."

"I think today was cool and I respect everybody, including gays. Period," said Brandon Johnson, also a freshman.

"I don't think gays should be talked about and everything, about how they are. That's all there is to it."

Teens agreed they should learn to accept the differences and respect each other.



JAMES CARTER

THE CAST of "Games" on Day of Respect: Standing, Jordan MacKay, Casey Jackson, Max Livingstone, Chris Carter and teacher Miss Claeys; kneeling, Ryan Takemiya, Daphna Klugman and Pat Makano-Glen.

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–*News USA*

Hills Newspapers Salutes Women in Business

Women In Business recognizes women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveals a multitude of professions established by women.

Today you can find women embracing careers in such fields as auto mechanics and chimney sweeping to entrepreneurs in the world of art and dancing. The areas of mortgage brokers, dentists, travel agents, psychologists and realtors have also attracted women as well as entertainment, accounting, and public relations.

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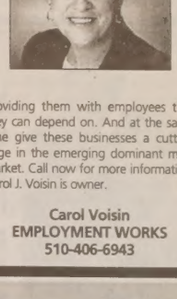


As a member of a team of financial professionals, May is dedicated in providing quality service to the local business community as well as families in the East Bay. May and her family have been residents of Alameda since 1993. She is bilingual, speaks both English and Cantonese. May has over 12 years of institutional financial services experience, including extensive work with senior clients on estate planning issues.

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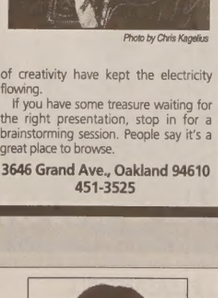


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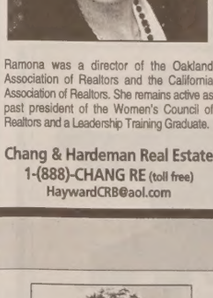
...eria Scola is a spot where some ...y art forms keep close company. ...et tall striped cats roam regularly ...gh stacks of 17th century etchings. ...y carved mirrors accented in snip...f gold reflect redwood bird hotels ...g frivolously over two headed ... Caught shamelessly admiring their ...ons.

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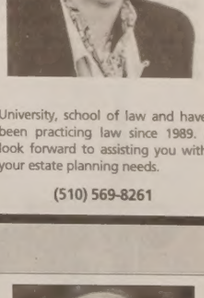
In order to service her clients better she became a Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES), a designation which is for agents with a particular knowledge of elderly-senior transactions. This tax season she will also give back to her community by being a volunteer tax preparer for AARP doing elderly and low income tax returns at no charge.

She serves the East Bay Area, her native land and is a fifth generation Californian.

Ramona was a director of the Oakland Association of Realtors and the California Association of Realtors. She remains active as past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and a Leadership Training Graduate.

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Board endorses reorganization plan

By Glen Price

In unanimous action at its May 5 meeting the school board endorsed Superintendent Gloria Johnston's plan of action for the 1999-2000 school year. The plan calls for the West Contra Costa Unified School District to:

■ Restructure senior management.

■ Develop a comprehensive district-wide strategic plan.

■ Conduct a fiscal health analysis and a budget review.

"I believe that the purpose of education is to provide quality teaching and learning opportunities for all students," wrote Johnston in her recommendations to the Board of Education.

"Public school districts must determine their goals, lead and support their staff, direct their resources towards their goals, and then assess results. All three of the above recommendations are required to accomplish this purpose."

More information is available on the district's Web site at http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/distchg.htm.

New schools move forward

At the May 5 Board of Education meeting, School Board members formally approved a contract with Arntz Builders, which submitted the low bid of $29.3 million for the construction of the new Hercules middle-high school. As reported last March 24, California's State Allocation Board (SAB) unanimously approved full construction funding for the long-awaited Hercules Middle/High School. The approved and funded plans include funding for the core teaching and administrative buildings, play fields, security systems, irrigation and shop/vocational technology building.

At its April 21 meeting, the board approved funding for a building area of 114,145 square feet for the new Richmond middle school, the centerpiece of the voter approved Measure E school bond.

District staff held a community forum at Kennedy High School on April 6, and the Board of Education held two study sessions on April 28 and May 3 concerning the Richmond middle school project.

At these sessions, staff members from project architect DES Architects answered questions and guided discussions for board members, members of the ad hoc committee for the Richmond middle school project, and district staff.

A third study session will occur on May 24 starting at 6 p.m. at the Staff Development Center, at 2525 Barnard, Richmond.

More information is available on the district's Web site at http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/newschoo.htm

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Downer Elementary releases literacy CD

On May 4, Downer Elementary School hosted a reception to celebrate the release of a new CD-ROM, "Children Teaching Children II." As noted in Congressman George Miller's America Reads Update, the Children Teaching Children project is a literacy institute for the development of teacher proficiency in computer technology, art and writing. Each participant receives training and acquires the expertise necessary for creating a publishing house at his or her school site for students to write and publish their stories. The "Children Teaching Children II" CD-ROM contains 21 original stories in English and Spanish, and accompanying text to support direct classroom instruction.

For more information, contact Downer Elementary School principal Linda Delehunt at (510) 234-3851.

Adams tribute to Gary Jagard

The community is invited to attend the Adams Music Concert to be held on Wednesday, May 26th, at 7:30-8:30 in the Adams gym.

This will be Gary Jagard's last year as the music director at Adams.

The Adams PTA and music parents are extending an invitation to all former parents and students of Jagard to attend this evening as a tribute to the teacher.

Mira Vista Elementary Garden Tour

Mira Vista Elementary School is participating in The Open Garden Tour, on Saturday, May 22, along with other urban and school gardens throughout the bay area. This is a great opportunity to check out the school's beautiful gardens. For more information, contact PTA president Cindy Lopez at (510) 232-4064 or via e-mail at calmaloney@jps.net.

Glen Price is a member of the WCCUSD school board; the opinions and views expressed in West County School Watch are his own and do not reflect official views or positions of the school board or WCCUSD, unless otherwise noted.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

May 24, meeting to discuss next year's nominees, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's or Lucky certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782, or Belinda Lum at 528-2429

■ June 3, Instructional Improvement Committee meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ June 4, Senior Awards Assembly followed by Senior Luncheon

Albany Middle School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018, or Janet Nichols at 526-6259

■ May 21, school dance, 7-10 p.m., AMS Gym

■ June 1, school track meet

Marin Elementary Scho

May 20, PTA meeting to p year's budget, 7 p.m., Mari Purpose Room

Vista-MacGregor Prima

■ SCRIP Sales: Wednesd ings before school, or call Lincoff at 524-5129.

■ Sunday May 23, Vi Gregor Farewell Party, 2 - MacGregor, 1 - 3 p.m. at Vi

AUSD Board of Educati

May 25, regular meeti p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpos

AUSD District Holiday

Monday May 31, Memo NO SCHOOL.

Items? Call Kay Weinstein 0363 or email: kayweinstei hoo.com

Chalk and pet fun Saturday on Sola

In conjunction with Solano Avenue's "Chalk It Up For Books — A Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival" on Saturday, those who wish to dress themselves and their animals as characters from books can strut their stuff in front of the YMCA Kid's Club at 1216 Solano Ave. in Albany during "Tails from Tales — A Pet Fashion Show."

Sponsored by Dogs by Dianne, special treats will be given to all who register. All animals must be caged or on a leash.

Registration begins at 1 p.m., the show starts at 2 p.m. Registration is $5 per entry.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the sidewalks along Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany are the target of artists young and old, pro and greenhorn during the sidewalk chalk art festival.

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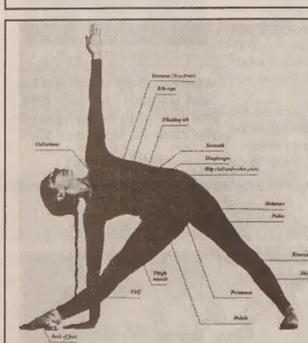
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Is park the hippiest place on Earth?

Snapp Shots

By Martin Snapp

was bound to happen. Thirty
s after the bloodshed at People's
the place has become a tourist
. On Sunday, May 30, the Berke-
Historical Society will conduct a
ng tour entitled "Stop the War!"
'll see all the sites that made
eley in the '60s so, well, groovy.
ong them:

- The spot on Mario Savio Steps
re student body president Dan
el (now an Oakland School
rd member) urged the crowd to
ke back the park" — which they
mptly did, to the dismay of Tom
den, who had been scheduled to
k next and was mad at Siegel
stealing his great dramatic mo-
t.
- The spot on Sproul Plaza where
crowd surrounded the police car
Jack Weinberg inside for 31
s.
- The corner of Haste and Tele-
h, dubbed "the most tear-gassed
et corner in the world."
- And, of course, the spot where
s Rector was killed by the Blue
mies.

he tour will be conducted by
me antiwar activist Ann Marks.
namephreak in me wishes she
ed it "Marx," but nothing's per-
.

the course of researching this
Marks stumbled across an old
of an official report by the Cal-
ia Senate Committee on Un-
erican Activities — I'll bet you
know the state had a HUAC,
did you? — titled "Report on Un-
erican Activities in California
".
nd guess who's on the list? Just
me a few names: Ron Dellums
recently retired from Con-
s), Rod Duncan (now a recently
ed Alameda Superior Court
e), Reggie Zelnik (now chair of
UC-Berkeley History Depart-
), Henry Waxman (now a con-
an from Los Angeles), Cecil
ms (now pastor of Glide
rial Church), Robert Scheer
a reporter with the Los Ange-
mes), John Searle (now a pro-
r at UC-Berkeley) and Terence
an (now a San Francisco dis-
torney).
he list goes on and on, but I
you get the point: These so-
"un-Americans" went on to be-
a veritable Who's Who of to-
Establishment.
ere are two ways to interpret
You could say that the worst
of the right wing have come
nd subversives have wormed
way into positions of power.
I tend to the opposite view:
e these folks weren't so sub-
e in the first place.

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st kind of guy would stand up
other Of The Year on Mother's
Jerry Brown, that's who. He
cheduled to present the 46th
Oakland Mother Of The Year
o West Oakland community
Dollie Rambo (mother of
, grandmother of 11, great-
mother of six) at a gala cere-
at the Oakland Rose Garden.
the appointed hour — no
y kept stalling and stalling the
tation, hoping against hope
zzoner might show up, but fi-
Councilman John Russo had to
he presentation in his stead.
ually, Jerry finally did arrive
as everyone was getting in
ars to go home. Curious be-
for a man who kept vowing
the campaign that "I won't be
like Elihu, jumping in and out of cars and always showing up late."

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It's spring, and young men aren't the only ones whose fancy turns to love at this time of year. So do dogs and cats, which means our local shelters are overflowing with brand-new puppies and kittens.

And they need our help. Most of these little critters are still a little too young to be put up for adoption, which means they need a foster home for a few days. If you'd like to volunteer, call the Oakland SPCA at 560-0702; the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society (which also covers Albany and El Cerrito) at 845-7735, ext. 16; the Oakland Animal Shelter at 535-5643 or the Berkeley Animal Shelter at 644-6755, ext. 204.

They'll supply the food and medication (if needed). All you have to supply is the love.

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But if playing surrogate parent to a couple of kittens isn't your thing, they could also use volunteer help in whatever skills you'd care to contribute, whether it's cleaning kennels, walking dogs, cuddling cats, or just stuffing envelopes.

And if you'd like to send a donation, they could sure use it. Kitten formula doesn't come cheap, you know. Send your check to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society at P.O. Box 2222, Berkeley 94702-0222; or the Oakland SPCA at 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland 94621.

By the way, if you're on Solano Avenue this Saturday, look for the Friends of the Berkeley Animal Shelter's new mobile adoption unit at Peralta Park, next to the Solano Pet Shop. If you happen to fall in love with any of the dogs or cats you see, you can adopt him or her on the spot. What could be more convenient?

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Talk about a sound mind in a sound body! Peter Corona, the recently retired Emeryville school superintendent, just competed in a national 5-kilometer race walk for public school administrators. And he won, too, edging out his nearest competitor by three seconds. Corona is 70 years old. The guy who finished second is 49.

Meanwhile, here's my nominee for worst choice of words in the wake of the Littleton massacre: Denver Broncos publicist Jim Saccomano, announcing that John Elway's retirement announcement would be delayed for a few days out of respect for the victims. Said Saccomano: "We're shooting for a midweek press conference."

Finally, a fond adieu to Señor Wences, the delightful puppeteer who used to make us kids scream with laughter back in the '50s when he appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

The Señor died recently at the age of 103, and Hayward Lieu of Oakland has this fantasy about his funeral: "As they lower Señor Wences into the ground, just before they shovel dirt over the coffin, a gruff, raspy voice shouts out from within, "S'all right!"

Phone Martin Snapp at (510) 273-9039; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or e-mail him at

Volunteers tend to Blackberry Creek

By James Carter

As bulldozers level the sandy dirt lot where Thousand Oaks School once stood, a line of willows mysteriously run away from the school, headed west.

The willows follow an invisible path past a tot lot where children play, jagging north then south past a grassy field where practitioners of Tai Chi pump their arms and buckle their legs.

Like children clinging to their mother, the willows follow Blackberry Creek as it swims toward the Bay.

Twenty-five volunteers from "The Friends of Five Creeks" gathered at Blackberry Creek May 15 and tended to its needs, planting wild native grasses, a redwood tree and removing debris that collected there.

Judy Lieberman perched herself just above the creek near a spot where it washed through green patches of watercress.

Lieberman carefully tended to some netting on the banks designed to shore them up — biodegradable material that had not properly degraded, frayed and the edges and created potential snares.

It was a warm sunny Saturday and she wanted to be there — in part to celebrate her birthday.

"This is really a wonderful chance to enjoy as much of nature as you can get in an urban environment," she said. "It's also an opportunity to see something that isn't totally manicured and to get out into nature — just two blocks from my house."

Lieberman, who works for the Albany Community Development Department, brought along her son and his best friend. The boys climbed through the willow and running dogwood, following the meandering creek as they fished out plastic bottles and other debris.

On the south bank of the creek, Sapna Khandwala — a stream ecologist — took a break from her work to explain why creeks are important.

"Creeks and streams are probably one of the most dynamic systems in terms of where the land and the water meet," she said. "There's a lot going on here, a lot of interchange, and it's really important to keep streams and creeks alive.

"There are also many insects, bugs and all kinds of things that live in the stream that are feeding birds, lizards, and other forms of life. Many animals, birds and plants have coevolved around streams and depend on them. That's another good reason to keep creeks clean."

Yet until three years ago, Blackberry Creek was literally buried beneath the ground, confined to a metal culvert that channeled rushing water straight toward the bay.

"We always wanted to open this creek because it was culverted in the late '50s," said Carole Schemmerling, co-founder of the Urban Creeks Council of California.

According to Schemmerling, at one time Blackberry Creek ran right through the middle of the old Thousand Oaks School. Yet over the years as the school grew, it was slowly covered, the stretch south of the current construction site the last to be buried.

Thousand Oaks School was recently leveled due to unsafe seismic conditions there.

But years back, upon hearing the sad news about the school's fate, a number of parents in the PTA decided to make the best of a bad situation. They wrote a grant to reopen the creek just west of the former school ground.

Berkeley resident Eleanor Brainerd was active in the Thousand Oaks PTA at that time. She said a grant from the State Department of Water Resources — one specifically earmarked for urban creek restoration — paid for the project.

Yet it was an uphill fight to get the creek restored, Brainerd said.

It seems that over the years, after planners directed the creek through metal culverts buried underground, a sand tot lot was constructed at that same spot.

A number of parents in the neighborhood were troubled by the prospect of the tot lot being dug up in order to free the creek. And there were no funds in the grant for a new sandbox. As a consequence, for a time the creek restoration project was in jeopardy.

Plans for the creek bed also met opposition from practitioners of Tai Chi, who said they practice their routines beneath a redwood tree that stood in the middle of the natural flood plain.

After a number of meetings and several compromises, a new tot lot was built just north of Blackberry Creek, and the Tai Chi redwood was saved.

Engineers redesigned the natural flood plane and quite literally moved the earth in order to accommodate the wishes of the tot lot advocates and the Tai Chi group.

Now all live in harmony, as was evident last Saturday.

As men muscled 918 pounds of rock along the banks of the creek — new stepping stones designed to preserve the natural flow of the brook — tots ambled about in the nearby sandbox while adults ran through their Tai Chi exercise routine.

Susan Schwartz — the new co-president of the Friends of Five Creeks — did her best not to interrupt the other groups' activities. She tended to the natural garden along the banks, showing volunteers the difference between native blackberry and others that are intrusive.

Schwartz wiped the sweat from her brow and pointed to sword ferns standing at attention, and marveled at the progress made by Nine Bark and Running Dogwood planted by volunteers last year.

From one end of the creek to the other, volunteers did their best to help the creek stay healthy.

Meanwhile, outgoing president Sonja Wadman staffed an information table near the park's entrance.

Wadman, who will be going to graduate school at Cal Poly next spring, did what she has done so well during her term of office: She educated the public about the importance of creeks and what they could do to help protect them.

"The creek naturally wants to meander and move in an "S" figure," Wadman said in answer to one question. "That allows the energy in the creek to be absorbed by the banks.

"In the past, planners thought it was best for the creeks to run in a straight line directly to the Bay," she said. "During heavy rains, the water rushed toward culverts, which would back up and cause flooding. By allowing the creeks to meander, the banks can absorb the runoff.

"Whatever affects the creeks also affects the Bay," Wadman added. "There's also wildlife in the creeks that needs to be protected from pollution. And remember, whatever goes into the creeks eventually makes its way to the Bay, affecting the wildlife and ecosystems there as well."

A dozen more people added their names to a growing list of volunteers committed to maintaining — and opening up — creeks that ran undisturbed for thousands of years before men decided they were in the way.

"This is what it's all about," Wadman said. "It just shows that every individual can make a difference."

For details about "Friends of Five Creeks," call Susan Schwartz at 848-9358

Harding spring carnival is Saturday

The spring carnival at Harding Elementary, 7230 Fairmont Ave. in El Cerrito is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature an Astrojump, live entertainment, face painting, crafts, cake walk, games with prizes galore, barbecue. Details: 236-4122.

Reverse

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Councilwoman Jane Bartke to shorten his term and that of Damon and Brusatori to facilitate the election change.

The advantage of the new plan, Friedman explained, "is that everyone who runs will know up front what their term will be."

Friedman noted that it was "abundantly clear" that Damon and Brusatori were "adamantly opposed" to the old plan which would have shortened their terms.

"I have always attempted to treat my colleagues and the public with respect," Friedman said. "I hope by choosing to go with another method of realigning our elections, if we have the votes here to do that tonight, that we can put this latest controversy behind us and move forward as a community that embraces lively debate, balancing issues and personalities and occasional political theatrics."

The plan tentatively approved this week, was labeled the "Damon plan" at the previous council meeting. To facilitate a move to even-year elections, council members elected in November 1999 and November 2001 would serve only three-year terms. The option of lengthening the terms of current council members by a year was earlier considered and rejected.

Damon insisted that sitting council members should not vote to change the length of their terms.

"We can not ethically change the results of a prior election," Damon earlier insisted.

"I don't believe that any elected official, once elected and in office, has the right to change the conditions of that election," Damon said at this week's meeting. "The election that put all of us in office is a done deal."

The move to even-numbered year elections is seen as a way to increase voter turnout and reduce the costs. Election costs are shared, and as more and more jurisdictions move to even-number year elections, it is becoming more expensive to hold odd-numbered year elections.

Of the 17 cities in Contra Costa County, 12 conduct their elections in November of even-numbered years. Three, not counting El Cerrito, have voted this year to move to even-year elections, and another has put the issue on this November's ballot.

Also, voter turnout is higher in even-year general elections. Voter turnout for the November 1997 El Cerrito City Council election was 35.3 percent, while voter turnout in the city for the 1998 gubernatorial election was 70.7 percent.

Bartke said she had seen the earlier plan as the best way to facilitate the election-year change.

She noted that the previous plan allowed for a November 2000 tax measure vote, if needed. Because of Proposition 218, a city may normally hold a general tax vote only on a regularly scheduled election date for members of the City Council.

Bartke said she went for the previous plan only "to keep the options open," but that it was not worth sticking to a plan that was causing division in the city.

Some people questioned the wisdom of moving to even-year elections at all, saying local issues may get "lost in the wash" of a large general election ballot.

Resident Beatrice O'Keefe said that "there are both advantages and disadvantages to changing the election cycle."

Among other things, O'Keefe said it is "definitely more expensive for non-incumbents to run in a general election" because increased voter turnout means more cost. In a special election "you have a much smaller group to target."

Friedman's statement on term vote

This is the statement City Councilman Mark Friedman made at Monday's council meeting before the vote on City Council terms:

When I voted to shorten the terms of council members Brusatori, Damon, and myself by one year in order to most quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively bring our elections into line with even-year general elections, I did so with the feeling that it was in the best interest of our community.

Despite those who thought I had some other secret agenda, I was not then and am not now clever enough to fully understand what those personal advantages might be.

But after hearing from a variety of community members, I have concluded that the best interest of our community is to keep all current terms the same length and shorten the terms of those elected in our next two City Council elections to three years. The advantage of that method is that everyone who runs will know up front what the term will be.

This is not the case with the three of us who expected four-year terms when we were elected. If all three of us had agreed to the term shortening, I doubt there would be as much controversy over the decision.

However, as has become abundantly clear, two of my colleagues are adamantly opposed to that change and I have to respect the concerns of Mr. Damon, Ms. Brusatori, and their supporters.

I might also add that Ms. Brusatori served a year and a half on the council before running and winning an election, and I served seven months as an appointed member. So a year less would seem not to shortchange us very much, if at all.

But Mr. Damon has no extra time under his belt, and shortening his term against his wishes is unfair.

I have always attempted to treat my colleagues and the public with respect and to endure the various insults and political threats that come with this position with patience and humor. Sometimes I have succeeded more than others.

As I stated when we voted first on this measure, trust is a two-way street, and I don't appreciate being labeled as sneaky, nefarious, or unethical when I have a disagreement with a colleague or a citizen.

This body would be quite dull and not serve our constituents well if we all agreed all the time. I think most will agree that current El Cerrito civic life is not dull. At times it may be tedious, but it is seldom dull. I appreciate having a diversity of backgrounds and opinions on the council and in the community, and will continue to respect those who disagree with me.

I hope by choosing to go with another method of realigning our elections that we can put this latest controversy behind us and move forward as a community that embraces lively debate, challenging issues and personalities, and occasional political theatrics.

But most of all I hope we can all work to put the best interests of our overall community above our own individual concerns.

emorial

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Dixon, now 76, was a Wave
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and the goal is within reach.

The memorial was designed by Richmond-based Michael Woldemar and Associates Inc.

The U-shape layout of the memorial will be surrounded by flowers and shrubs. There will be a granite rock with inscription and lighted flagpoles and special paving.

The setting will be renamed the El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Garden, Sergeant said. "We just hope that this will be a quiet serene place," she said, where people can sit for a spell and reflect, meditate or pray.

For more information, call Esther Sergeant at 524-7232.

gital

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Bulb

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cil didn't change their course.

Taft said he was drawn to the plight of bulb residents while walking his dog one day. A sign posted on the landfill said, "Help Wanted — Make a Difference." Taft said that by chance he soon met the sign-maker.

"When serendipity like that happens, you can't ignore it," he said.

After a long and sometimes passionate argument punctuated by legal admonitions, Taft urged the council to reconsider its decision, then quietly returned to his seat.

Residents speak their piece

Ashby Dancy, a bulb resident, introduced himself by telling the council he lives on 40th and Plumb.

"Do you know where that is?" he asked. "It's 40 blocks from here and plumb out of town."

Dancy said he built a home on the bulb because when he slept out on the streets of Berkeley and Albany, police routinely gave him $150 tickets each night.

"If I had that kind of money, I could stay in a condo," he said.

A distraught landfill resident named Eric also pleaded with the council.

"My mom and I have been living on the streets for five years," he said. Once they settled on the landfill, Eric said, both felt "some sort of security living there.

"Now that we're being forced out on the street, my mother and I are both going insane," he said. A woman rushed to the podium and helped him to his seat.

After some commotion, another long-term resident of the bulb approached the podium.

YNot2K

"Is this stuff being recorded?" the bearded man asked as he glanced over his shoulder.

When advised that it was, he introduced himself as YNot2K. After mumbling a few incoherent remarks, 2K warned Police Chief Larry Murdo — who was not present — that if he "wants to make rules on my land, he had better talk to me first."

The frail man handed Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma a lemon rattle, calling it a "gift for the chief."

"He'll know what it's all about," 2K said.

Ritzma later accepted the rattle and said she would keep it in a refrigerator until she could personally deliver it to Murdo.

By the time the last speaker said his piece and Mayor Peggy Thomsen adjourned the meeting, council members appeared to be physically and mentally exhausted.

Asked about the sudden turn of events, Ritzma threw up her hands and said, "It is what it is. There are 67 people living out there. That was not all of them here tonight, so we'll see what happens."

"When is there a good time to enforce the law?" Councilman Jon Ely asked. "We're just taking back the public's property. Period."

"We've done all we can," said Councilman Allan Maris. "There's nothing more we can do."

The city has provided counseling, food and medical care for bulb residents for several months now. Social workers have attempted to help individuals relocate to homeless shelters, though they admit there are few resources available.

Meanwhile

In other business the council:

■ Unanimously deferred a request from the Albany Library Board asking the council to supplement the projected library tax expenditures by $19,882 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999.

■ Praised Albany Library Branch Manager Ronnie Davis for her "outstanding achievements" and "hard work."

■ Approved a resolution honoring Superintendent of Schools J. Dale Hudson "upon the occasion of his retirement."

The unanimously endorsed resolution expressed best wishes for Hudson "including a relaxing retirement far away from the hue and cry of schoolchildren, teachers, parents, other administrators, the media and school board members."

Other items:

■ Dario Meniketti urged the council to recognize the achievement of Albany High School's Science Club. The AHS Science Club finished fifth in the national science competition.

■ Alan Maris announced the annual Seniors Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 22, at the Albany Senior Center.

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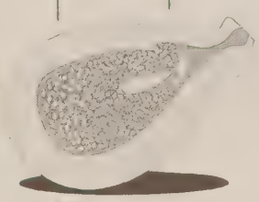
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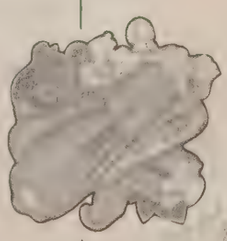
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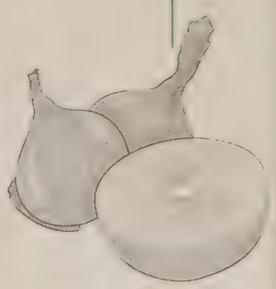
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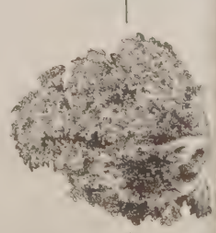
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Berkeley track kicking it into gear

Jacket hurdlers win big at league meet

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley High track is getting over some hurdles on the way to the CIF State Track and Field Championships held the first weekend in June.

The Yellowjackets have some serious state meet contenders in Simone Brooks, Kaila Sampson and Daveed Diggs.

Brooks set two meet records at the East Bay Athletic League championship meet last weekend to give the Berkeley girls team second place overall.

Brooks won the 100-meter hurdles in a record-setting 14.84 seconds, then went on to win the 100-meter dash in 12.56 to break another record.

Berkeley swept the girls hurdles when Kaila Sampson ran a 45.45 to capture the 300-meter hurdles.

Diggs had a good day on the boys side. The Jacket hurdler said he hasn't had a really good race this season prior to the league meet, but there he won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.76. The Berkeley boys finished eighth overall at the meet.

Berkeley heads into the North Coast Section Tri-Valley Area Meet this weekend at Chabot College in Hayward.

Trials for the meet are set for Friday with the finals on Saturday. The meet is a qualifier for the NCS Meet of Champions, which is also going to be held at Chabot College over the Memorial Day weekend. The top seven finishers at the sub-regional meet move on to the MOC, then the top four from that meet reach the state meet.

ROUNDUP

Staff report

The St. Mary's High School baseball team received a first-round bye in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs this week as one of the top two teams in the ACCAL regular-season standings.

St. Mary's officially finished second despite its identical 10-1 league record with first-place De Anza. The Dons go down in the books as the league champion based on its head-to-head win over St. Mary's.

The Panthers ended their regular last Friday by pounding hapless St. Elizabeth 26-1 in a five-inning contest.

St. Mary's got rolling immediately with a 10-run first inning. Craig Nord highlighted the inning with a three-run home run.

The Panthers scored in every inning, adding one run in the second, seven in the third, three in the fourth and five in the fifth.

St. Mary's pounded out 20 hits. Sam Bobo had a triple while Chris Alfert and Mike Nodolny added one double each.

Starting pitcher Joe Storno picked up the win for the Panthers.

De Anza, meanwhile, smashed any hopes St. Mary's might have had of sneaking by with the league regular-season title by scoring seven runs in the top of the seventh in an 8-5 win over Encinal.

Also advancing to the ACCAL playoffs were Encinal, Alameda, Albany and El Cerrito.

On Tuesday, Encinal beat El Cerrito 16-6 and Alameda pounded Albany 8-1 in the first round of the ACCAL playoffs.

St. Mary's was to face Encinal in semifinal play at the College of Alameda on Wednesday.

In East Bay Athletic League play last Friday, Berkeley enjoyed a 7-5 come-from-behind win over Amador Valley.

Berkeley overcame a 5-3 deficit by scoring four runs in the fourth, an inning highlighted by Greer Wiggins' three-run home run.

Softball

St. Mary's, El Cerrito and Albany all failed to advance to the ACCAL playoffs after each completed regular-season play with 5-7 league records.

St. Mary's lost 3-0 to St. Joesph-Notre Dame last Friday. At the same time, Alameda downed El Cerrito 11-0 and Albany fell to league champion Holy Names 7-1.

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IOANNA HANDA

ST. MARY'S Bridget Duffy (right) came from third place to beat Piedmont's Ingrid Evjen-Elias (center) and De Anza's Mina Nikanjam (left) in the 1,600 race at Piedmont High. Duffy also won the 800 and 3,200 races to take the league championship in all three events for her triple.

Duffy pulls off rare "triple"

St. Mary's freshman wins the 800, 1,600, 3,200; Panthers sweep league team titles

By Mike McGreehan

St. Mary's High School freshman Bridget Duffy pulled off a rare "triple" at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League meet when she won the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 in the league championship meet at Piedmont High.

Duffy's "triple" was the talk of the meet. No other runner had ever swept the distance events in an ACCAL meet. But after winning her third event, the 3,200, Duffy seemed unimpressed.

Maybe the magnitude of what she had just accomplished had yet to sink in. Or maybe she just realized that there are more races ahead.

"I did my best, worked hard," she said, trying to catch her breath. "I wanted to win all three — that was the goal."

Moments earlier, Duffy looked as if she could have run all day as she showed no hint of fatigue at the end of the 3,200.

As she had before in the 1,600, Duffy let other runners set the early pace before slingshotting ahead late in the race.

For most of the 3,200, Duffy was content to stay within an arm's length of De Anza's Mina Nikanjam until she made her move with about 1 1/4 laps to go.

"I had to have someone to pace me because I'm so tired," Duffy said. "It's been a long day."

Tired or not, there would be no catching Duffy once she took the lead. The freshman has an excellent finishing kick. And she kicked it into high gear to pull away from the rest of the field.

Duffy crossed the finish line in 11 minutes, 56.9 seconds, more than 16 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor, Mary Phelps, who had also passed Nikanjam on the final lap. Phelps completed the race in 12:13.3, with Nikanjam third at 12:14.4.

Even the great Emil Zatopek, the Czechoslovakian runner who won the 5,000 meters, 10,000 and marathon at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, didn't do it all in one day.

So the 5,600 meters Duffy covered Saturday is remarkable. Even more remarkably, she ran it after covering the same distance in the league trials at Piedmont High two days earlier.

So how did Duffy push herself? And how could she have possibly had anything left in her inner reserve?

"I have a fear of people passing me at the end," she said. "I get paranoid."

Duffy started her day by cruising to victory in the 1,600. She also gave those in attendance— as well as her competitors— a sample of her strong leg kick.

Duffy made her move late in this race,

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Keith shows it's the finish that matters

El Cerrito sprinter wins 100- and 200-meter track titles

By Mike McGreehan

Katrina Keith of El Cerrito High School did not get off to a great start in the girls 100-meter finals of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League track and field championships last Saturday at Piedmont High.

Yes, starts are important. But ultimately, finishes matter more. And Keith finished well enough to win the event in 12.19 seconds, just ahead of a fast-closing Keli Walker (12.25) of Holy Names.

"I just brought it up from there," Keith said of her start. "I didn't get my arms out from my body. I had to pick it up and lift my legs more toward the end of the race."

Keith later capped a fine day of individual performances by winning the 200 (25.28). Again, Walker finished second (25.54).

Keith's performances would have made her track idols — Gail Devers and the late Florence Griffith-Joyner— proud. It was the performances of Griffith-Joyner and Devers that influenced a younger Keith to first take up track and then continue with it.

"Flo Jo and Gail Devers," says Keith,

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STEVE BABULJAK

ST. MARY'S Spring Harris clears the bar on the way to winning the high jump at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League track and field championships Saturday at Piedmont. The Panthers won the team title.

Cougars dramatics aren't a part of playoff picture

Albany baseball comeback streak ends at Alameda

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — Alameda High pitcher Jeff Rosa made sure that there were no comebacks left in Albany's arsenal — and the Cougars found that a seven-run deficit is too much against a hot pitcher.

So the Cougars, who had staged two last at-bat victories in the final week of the season, lost to the Hornets 8-1 in the first round of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs Tuesday at the College of Alameda. Albany's season ends at 13-10.

"What can you say," an obviously disappointed coach Josh Freeman said. "They played better than we did. They had better pitching, better hitting and better defense."

This day, Albany had very little of those things and it was easy to see why the Hornets won the game.

"They played a great game and didn't make any mistakes," said Freeman. "We gave them some runs. Rosa threw a great game. They just played better than us."

The Cougars were on a roll coming into the playoffs. They had defeated Piedmont and league champion De Anza in their final at-bat. They had only lost 3-2 to Alameda in the regular season and had Mark Johnson (1.94 ERA), the pitcher who had thrown that game, on the mound. It should have been a close game.

Instead Johnson gave up seven hits in the first two innings and found himself down 6-0.

An error allowed one of the two runs Alameda scored in the first inning, but the Hornets racked Johnson for five hits and four runs in the second, the big blow being Kip Nelson's bases-loaded triple.

Freeman finally pulled Johnson in favor of Stephen Rice-Taylor, who got final out of the inning.

Albany collected its only run in the second inning when Tim Onweller tripled and Chris Weakley brought him home with a sacrifice fly to center. Todd Eagle then lined a single to center, but Rosa picked him off first to end the inning.

The only hit after that was Weakley' single in the sixth, but he also got picked off. Eagle walked after that, but was forced at second for the final out.

Albany couldn't afford to blow its chances, because it didn't get too many of them. Rosa struck out 11 batters with what looked like a liberal strike zone.

Albany's only other threat came in the first inning with two out when Eagle singled and Ted Smith-Peterson was hit by a pitch. Rosa got Tom Ball on a pop fly to center.

That was the extent of the offense from Albany — one run, four hits. And no assistance from Rosa.

Gauchos shot down by Jets in playoffs

El Cerrito falls to Encinal High in first round playoff

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA — El Cerrito's lack of good pitching and defense finally cost the Gauchos dearly in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs Tuesday at the College of Alameda.

Starting pitcher Gabe Gray, the team's best pitcher this season, lasted less than an inning and El Cerrito's defense made six errors that allowed nine unearned runs as the team was eliminated 16-6 by No. 3 seed Encinal (16-9) in the first round of the playoffs.

It was a chance for payback for the Gauchos (11-13-1), who were defeated 10-0 in the first league game of the season when Encinal's Dontrelle Willis threw a five-inning no-hitter.

Ed Thomas started Tuesday's playoff game against El Cerrito and the Gauchos jumped on him quickly, scoring three runs in the top of the first to take a 3-0 lead.

David Rose led off with a walk and went to second on Zach Court's single to left. Rose went to third on a wild pitch and came home on a squeeze bunt by Dan Benton. Court, who had stolen second, went to third on the play.

Thomas walked Gray and hit Kevin Mello with a pitch to load the bases. Marques White lined a two-run single to left to make the score 3-0.

But Gray could not make the lead last, pitching only 1/3 of an inning as the Jets sent 14 men to the plate in the bottom half of the first inning, scoring nine runs on seven hits.

A potential double-play ball was botched, allowing the inning to continue. Curtis Keller was brought into pitch and finally got out of the inning down 9-3.

El Cerrito got one run back in the top of the second inning when Keller singled, went to second as Court was hit by a pitch, and came home on Benton's single to center. The budding rally was aborted when Benton was picked off second to end the inning.

The Jets just kept on pounding, though, scoring two runs in the second and third innings and three more in the fourth inning to take a 16-

Three more Gaucho errors, the outfield, gave Encinal some it really didn't need — the pounded out 13 hits in the five

Last bid

El Cerrito made it last bid tend the game in the top of the

Gray singled to short and second on an error. Mello sh him to third, but Mello was out trying to advance to seco the throw to third.

White then hit a ball into the in left field that just made it ov fence for a two-run home run t the lead to 10. Thomas the pinch-hitter Leonard Mundy to right for the game-ending out.

White was the hitting star f Gauchos, going 2-for-3 with RBI. Gray also scored two run

El Cerrito got eight hits Thomas. Other than that, the chos really didn't have that muc ing for them.

St. Mary's Shimabukuro picked as coach of year

Nine locals named to all-league team

Andy Shimabukuro of St. Mary's High School shares Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League coach of the year honors with De Anza's Steve Peters on the All-ACCAL baseball team announced this week.

As for players, Albany's Todd Eagle is the first-team catcher while Cougars teammate Tim Onweller made the first-team outfield. Gabe Gray of El Cerrito made the first team as a utility player. Anthony Miyawaki of St. Mary's is one of the first-team pitchers.

El Cerrito's Zach Court was the All-ACCAL second-team catcher. Gauchos teammate David Rose is in the second-team outfield along with Craig Nord of St. Mary's. The right side of the second-team infield is strong with St. Mary's second baseman Brie Anderson and Albany first baseman Ted Smith-Peterson.

ACCAL ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

First team

Catcher-Todd Eagle (Albany). 1B-Matt Shartsis (Piedmont). Infield-Erik LaChapelle (Pied), Sam Gubbine (De Anza), Louie Senna (Encinal). Outfield-Tim Onweller (Alb), Jason Edmonds (DA); Alex Smith (DA); Pitchers-Dontrelle Willis (Enc), Anthony Miyawaki (St. Mary's), Jim Rosa (Alameda); Utility-Gabe Gray (El Cerrito); Brian Nishioka (DA).

Second team

C-Zach Court (EC). 1B-Ted Smith-Peterson (Alb). Inf-Aaron Beck (Kennedy-Richmond); Brie Anderson (SM); Jordan Bautista (St. Joseph). OF-David Rose (EC); Terrance Taylor (Enc); Craig Nord (SM). P-Mike Holmes (SM); Clint Tanaka (DA), Jeff Rosa (Ala). U-Ron Wallace (DA), Jonas Black (Kennedy).

Keith

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who sports long nails a la Griffith-Joyner. "I liked their style, their speed, their passion for the sport and how they were on the track."

Some of the magic of track masters past and present seemed to rub off on other ACCAL competitors as well.

Keith's El Cerrito teammate, Brandi Gates, placed third in the 100 (12.41) and sixth in both the 300 intermediate hurdles (51.61) and the 200 (28.00).

Shalonda Reynolds finished first for El Cerrito in the 300 hurdles (46.27). Another Gaucho, Rashida Coleman, was third in the 200 (26.31). Reynolds and Coleman also finished 3-4 in the 400 (58.34 and 59.64, respectively).

Tamara Johnson placed sixth for the Gauchos in the girls 100 intermediate hurdles (19.15).

El Cerrito's girls also performed well in relays, winning the 400 (48.61) and placing second in the 1,600 (3:28.4).

The top six finishers in each event at the ACCAL championship meet advanced to this weekend's North Coast Section Bay Shore Area Meet at James Logan High School. Trials will be held Friday with finals on Saturday.

The most notable ACCAL distance performances by area public school athletes came in the 800, where El Cerrito's Allison Post (2:28.9) placed fourth and Albany's Amanda Fein (2:34.1) was sixth.

Others advancing to the Bay Shore subsectional include El Cerrito's Brad Moschetti, Zac Fairley and Tibaris Foster, who finished fourth through sixth in the boys 400 with respective times of 51.43, 51.95 and 52.38.

Fellow Gaucho Ivan Winzer was second in the 300 intermediate hurdles (41.23) and third in the 110 high hurdles (16.48). Teammate Jones Smith finished fourth in the 300 hurdles (43.27).

In field events, Marvin Wiley and Ronald Bias finished fourth and fifth for the Gauchos in the boys discus with respective throws of 119 feet, 3 ¼ inches and 118-8 ¼.

Earlier, Bias had finished second in the shot put (47-3 ¾) with Wiley sixth (38-10 ¼).

In relays, El Cerrito's boys took second in the 1,600 (3:28.4) and were third in the 400 (44.79).

As a team the Gauchos accumulated 54 points in the boys competition to finish a distant second to St. Mary's, which had 228.

El Cerrito finished third on the girls side with 75, behind both St. Mary's (184) and De Anza (79). Albany (7) finished eighth in a 10-team field.

Track

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too, as she overtook Piedmont's Ingrid Evjen-Elias on the backstretch after Evjen-Elias had overtaken Nikanjam at the start of the gun lap.

When the race finished, Duffy (5:20.1) had more that a seven-second win over Evjen-Elias (5:27.5).

"I like to hold back at the beginning," said Duffy. "It makes it easier for me at the end."

Duffy later won the 800 in 2:24.3, nearly 1 1/2 seconds faster than second-place finisher Lauren Barbieri of Piedmont.

Since the top six finishers at the ACCAL meet advance to this weekend's North Coast Section Bay Shore Area Meet, those who finished behind Duffy at the league meet will have another shot at her.

Most likely, though, Duffy will be challenged more heavily by competitors from the Mission Valley Athletic League and Hayward Area Athletic League. The ACCAL, HAAL and MVAL will be the three leagues represented at the Bay Shore Area subsectional, which opens with trials Friday and continues with finals Saturday at James Logan High School.

Every qualifier from the ACCAL, Duffy included, will be pushed to keep up with competitors from the other two leagues. Katie Hotchkiss of Mission San Jose, for instance, had recorded times of 4:51.99 and 2:10.91 in the 1,600 and 800, respectively, through May 8. Katie Martin of Irvington has gone 10:44.23 in the 3,200.

Other stories

Duffy's triple win was the big story of the ACCAL meet, but it wasn't the only story.

St. Mary's, in fact, provided many of the stories. Spring Harris won the high jump with a lifetime-best height of 5 feet, 7 inches.

"Today was my fourth time ever trying to reach 5-7, and the third time this season," said Harris, a senior whose previous best height was 5-6. "I've always been trying but never quite made it. I'm happy that I cleared it, now I have another height to shoot for."

Before settling for 5-7, Harris tried to set a league record at 5-8 ¼ but knocked the bar down on all three attempts.

Riana Shaw finished second for St. Mary's (5-0). Quiana Plump also qualified for NCS by taking sixth place at 4-4.

Elsewhere, Rosie Aikens and Kamaiya Warren finished first and second for the Panthers in the girls discus with respective tosses of 131-2 ½ and 129-0 ¾. Teammate Stacy Fleming took the final NCS qualifying spot with a sixth-place effort of 90-6 ¼.

Shaw won the triple jump (32-8 ½) with teammate Tiffany Johnson (32-5) second. Johnson also took second in the long jump (15-7 ¼) and was fifth in the 100 (12.87).

Danielle Stokes, Harris and Shaw swept the top three places in the 110 intermediate hurdles. Stokes, a freshman, crossed the line in 15.62, nearly one-half second ahead of Harris (16.11) and almost two seconds ahead of Shaw (17.35).

Harris finished second in the 300 intermediate hurdles (46.38) with Stokes fourth (48.03).

The Panthers' Felise Guillory and Kristin Broady qualified for this weekend's action at James Logan with respective fifth- and sixth-place finishes in the 400 (1:00.44 and 1:02.34). Jackie Bryant was third in the 800 (2:27.4). Shameka Savage placed fourth in the 200 (27.09). Chelsea Torgersen-Bell was fourth in the 800 (12:56.8).

St. Mary's placed third in both the 400 relay (49.75) and 1,600 relay (4:06.4).

In shot put action completed two days earlier, Warren took first place (39-2 ¼) and Aikens (37-7 ¾) second.

When team scores were tabulated, St. Mary's had an easy win with 184 points. De Anza was a distant second (79), followed by El Cerrito (75), Piedmont (55) Holy Names (32), Alameda (28), Richmond (10), Albany (7), Salesian (2) and St. Joseph-Notre Dame (1).

Boys win

St. Mary's won by an even wider margin in boys competition. The Panthers finished with 228 points to second-place El Cerrito's 54. Piedmont finished with 47, followed by De Anza (40), Alameda (38), St. Joseph-Notre Dame (32), Richmond (19), Encinal (6) and Salesian (2).

Quaintis Cann and Solo Welch were first and second for Panthers in the 110 high hur with respective times 15.08 15.95. Tom Salvatore finished fo for St. Mary's in 17.25.

Cann also won the 300 inte diate hurdles (39.51). Salvator ished sixth (44.47).

Kimani Lovan led a top-th sweep for St. Mary's in the 400 van sped to victory in 48.88, follo by teammates Denye Versher (4 and Jamaal Brown (50.49).

Paki Gordon won the 100 (1 Teammates Chris Dunbar (1 and Connor Banks (11.60) fourth and sixth, respectively.

Versher, Gordon and Du went 2-3-4 in the 200 with res tive times of 22.53, 22.65 and 2

Sean Geraghty finished se in the 1,600 (4:35.0) and third i 3,200 (10:30.7). Rudy Vasquez fifth for the Panthers in the 1 (10:36.8) and James Ross was in the 1,600 (4:49.0). Greg Will had the fifth-best time in the (2:07.0) for St. Mary's.

St. Mary's boys dominated relays, winning both the 400 (4 and the 1,600 (3:26.6).

In field events, Asokah Muh mad won the long jump (21-1 with Ebon Glenn (21-0), Welch 0) and Trestin George (20-10 third, fourth and fifth. Muham also led a top-three sweep of triple jump at 45-1 ½. Welch (was second and George (43-5)

James Powell won both the d (139-3 ¾) and shot put (49-2 ¼). Tu was third in the discus (12 and J.P. Tioseco took third in the put (43-8 ¾). Phillip Weatherly ished sixth in the discus (112-1

Junior Pat Moglia won the b pole vault for St. Mary's wi height of 10 feet even.

Glenn won the high jump by a comfortable margin, bea second-place Jon Williams o Anza by a foot.

Roundup

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Holy Names and Salesian, both 11-1 in league, had first-round byes Tuesday.

In first-round games played Tuesday, Piedmont beat Alameda 6-4 and St. Joesph-Notre Dame pounded De Anza 13-2.

Meanwhile, Berkeley's softball struggles continued Tuesday in an 11-0 East Bay Athletic League loss at home to San Ramon Valley.

Berkeley (3-10 EBAL, 7-14) was behind 3-0 before it even came to bat. San Ramon Valley later added single runs in each the third and fourth innings. Ultimately, the game ended after six innings because of the 10-run slaughter rule. After the Wolves exploded for six more runs in the top of the sixth to go up 11-0, the Yellowjackets failed to respond in their half of the inning, drawing the game to a close.

Yellowjackets batters had their hands full with Wolves pitcher Allison Williams, who threw a two-hit shutout with five strikeouts and no walks.

Williams helped her own cause at the plate by going 1-for-3 with an RBI.

San Ramon Valley finished with 11 hits. Crystal Wild and Kristy Shipman each had two hits and two runs for the Wolves.

Berkeley, which has assured itself seventh place in the eight-team EBAL, completes its season today at California High at 3:45.

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Wilderness

Call of the Wild, the oldest women's wilderness outfitter in the nation, will hold an outdoor cooking class at 2519 Cedar St., Berkeley and at Tilden Park from 7-10 p.m., on Thursday, May 20, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Saturday, May 22. The class is taught by Carole Latimer, author of "Wilderness Cuisine." Topics include drying food at home, preparing for trips, and maintaining an ecologically sound camp kitchen.

The class is open to women and men. The cost is $65 and includes a copy of "Wilderness Cuisine." To register, contact Call of the Wild at 859-9292.

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ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By Michael Blake

Major League baseball often has moved writers like Grantland Rice and Ogden Nash to poetry, so why should the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League be any different? A parent in the stands at Saturday's Micro game was moved to versify about the action on the field, and that begins this week's report.

Micro Division

Bears vs. Angels

Alpha Phi Bears played with all their heart. Superstar Caitlin Taffe made a putout while doing her part. Khadija Bilal cracked a hard one for two runs batted in, Aine Ritchie-Boland tagged out a runner above the noisy din. Lydia Turnshek displayed clever footwork in an out at first, and Sonya Javits made three putouts in one inning during a brilliant burst.

The Andronicos Angels hit the softball with panache and pizzazz, and in the field they scooped grounders just as smooth as jazz. Rya Shepard smacked a whopper that went back to the wall, Claire Hartinger singled and ran home standing tall. Molly Fullerton hustled out a grounder to make it safe at first base, while Christy Peterson hit a liner that looked prettier than lace.

Younger Division

Mighty Ducks 15
Generals 15

The come-from-behind Prudential Mighty Ducks pulled out a tie with the Generals at a dazzlingly hot and dusty King Field. The James Painting and Decorating Generals' Erin Olivella-Wright led off the game with a smash single up the middle, used heads-up base running to avoid being doubled up on a pop out caught by Mighty Duck pitcher Zoe Canin, and scored the first run of the game on Elizabeth Tulsky's two-run single. With the Ducks at bat, Julie Overway smashed a hit through to center field for an aggressive single, and Rachel Krow-Boniske did the same. On defense, Duck catcher Roxie Perkins showed how fast she can move scooping up pops and fouls and throws to home.

General Irene Farrimond showed great offense and defense in the second, legging out a single and scoring ahead of the throw home in the top half and catching a foul ball to make the third out in the bottom of the inning. Brittany Ernst, who singled in the third inning, said later, "I like base running the best because you can go as fast as you want and sometimes you don't get out."

The Ducks showed their defensive pizzazz in the fourth inning when Laura Cannon tagged a runner out at second, and her sister Joan, at first, followed by catching two quick line drives for the second and third outs. On offense, Mia Divecha cracked an RBI single to center, helping knot the score. Cheers went up and the two teams high-fived each other as the tie was announced.

Smilemakers 20
Red Tail Hawks 10

The visiting Ask Jeeves for Kids' Hawks led off with serial hits by Mattison Peters, Minna Schilling, Silvie Senauke, Angelique Traub, Fiona Foster, and Emily Cooper. In the bottom half, already far behind, the Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers began a comeback with Samantha Cook's leadoff single, but Hawk pitcher Fiona Foster slowed them when she scooped up the next bouncer and threw quickly to first baseman Angelique Traub for a first out. Barbara Barnes singled solidly, putting girls at first and third. Then the Smilemaker onslaught began, including six successive singles, with some exceptional base-running by Grace Morrow and Kayla Sims.

In the top of the second, the Smilemakers rung up two successive outs before Rosie Kerstetter and Mattison Peters lined hits into the outfield. A quick third out at first ended the threat. In the home half, Smilemaker Sophie Kline, followed by Katharine Pearce, outran grounders to first, but defensive gems by Hawk first baseman Mollie Hudson, right fielder Rachael Masterson and pitcher Taylor Jacoby led to three outs.

In third inning, Smilemaker Anoushka Danska-Coyle on the mound combined with Samantha Cook at first to put the Hawks down in order with machine-like fielding, throws, and catches. The Smilemakers began their half of the inning with a single by Amaya Fernandez, but she was forced at second base by Hawks' Rachael Masterson. Three batters later, Samantha Cook laced a shot over the left fielder's head, but she was held to a single by quick hustle and relay throws. Hawk Silvie Senauke made a fine unassisted putout at third.

The Hawks' fourth inning saw Julia Friedman, Hudson, and Jacoby hit safely. The Smilemakers kept the run production to one as Kline caught a third out popup at first to end the Hawk threat. The bottom of the fourth saw two Hawk putouts, but the Smilemakers, behind four-of four hitting by Cook, three-of-three by Kline, Pearce, and a 4-RBI game by Barnes, ended on top.

Middle Division

Zippers 4
Litigators 1

In this tight battle, pitchers Olivia Beckley and Lisa Richardson of the Black, Brown, and Lanier Litigators and Christina Skonberg, Phoebe White, and Lil Woods-Kridle of the Xinet Zippers all showed off their arms. White pitched three strikeouts in a row and Beckley pitched two strong innings for the Litigators. In the third inning, both teams got singles (Beckley and Julia Kessler) and doubles (Skonberg and Leana Petri) upping the tension level. But Woods-Kridle and Richardson stopped these potential rallies, each time leaving batters stranded on second and third.

By the fourth inning, the game was scoreless. The Litigators had the first rally. Alyse Muller, Mary Pinto, and Olivia Kragen, loaded the bases with three singles in a row, and Teresa Goodman put her team on the board with an RBI single. With two outs and the bases still loaded, Beckley hit a powerful line drive to short, but Abby Wall, with an incredible catch, retired the side.

The Zippers knew they had to score. White and Lexie Cousens each got singles and Abby Cheitlin, with a single, scored White to tie the game. Then Zoe Thiele-Seidenberg, with a double, drove Cousens home to give the Zippers the lead. Hits by Molly Fall and Wall allowed the Zippers to score two more runs before Petri, with a phenomenal catch at short, caught a strong line drive by Kessler to end the game.

Sparkies 8
Basebones 6

The Jeff Cohen Electric Sparkies detonated with fireball pitching and explosive hitting in taking an 8-0 lead by the middle of the third inning. But the Prins Chiropractic Basebones showed heart in fighting back to lose by only two runs. Sparkies pitchers Rivka Cohen and Sarah Jelinsky crushed the Basebones by striking out seven batters. Chinda Stance smashed a double and a single and scored twice. Leah Fischer tallied three RBI with her double and a single. Ruby Shapiro put on a defensive clinic, ending a scoring threat in the third with a catch of a fly to deep center and stopping the Basebones' five-run rally and saving the game by nabbing a sharp line drive. For the Basebones, Simone Morris-Martin shined in every position, striking out two, scooping two assists, stopping two hard outfield hot potatoes, and singling twice, once for an RBI. Shayna Lignell shocked everyone with a brave, beautiful bunt and then followed up her next two at-bats with stinging singles and an RBI. Zoe Siegel added a hit during the last-inning rally and later scored. Hannah Johnson helped by handling a hot grounder for an out and blowing her fastball past three hopeful hitters for strikeouts.

Mighty Molars 9
Sharks 8

The Molars and Vivian Lopez Sharks battled it out in a tough, hard-hitting game. Nolo Shark defense marked the top of the first inning, when Julia Greenwood struck out the first batter, Paige Freiberger snagged a hot grounder at first, and Caitlin Lew made the third out with a throw to Freiberger at first. In the bottom of the inning, heads-up defense by the Molars held the Sharks to only one run on a double by Sierra Bradley. The second inning was more of the same tough defense by both teams.

Both teams hit their offensive stride in the third inning. Hits by Molars Mariko Connor, Emma Fane, Rachel Stirnin-Moser, Sarah Woodard, Cory Burgamy, Lauren Lopez, Ali Underwood and Connor (for the second time) brought in six runs. The Sharks came roaring back with their own strong hitting, with singles by Freiberger and Anna Kalkanis-Ellis, followed by a powerful Greenwood shot, bringing Freiberger home from second. Lew then doubled to left to drive in a run, followed by Mary Katherine Morrison's triple, which drove in two more.

At the top of the fourth, Bradley caught a high infield fly for the first out, but then the Molars drove in three runs, with hits by Francis McFarland, Woodard, Burgamy and Lopez. When the Sharks came up, Emily Silverstein led off with a huge fly to left field for a double, followed by a single up the middle by Sarah Dobjensky. Three more singles by Emily Hecht, Freiberger, Kalkanis-Ellis, and Greenwood brought in a total of three runs.

Older Division

Hans Stahlschmidt 15
Red Oak 8

It was a sunny day at Fielding Field as Hans Stahlschmidt's Jennie Wheeler-Stein threw the first pitch to start the game. Shortstop Becca Williams demonstrated her consistent defensive skill by taking part in all three outs, but not before Red Oak's Aron Feingold tripled and was batted in by Sarah Adams. Christine Kemp made a solid hit to left field to advance the runners.

The second inning provided the defensive highlight film for Hans Stahlschmidt, as Elise Priewe threw out a runner attempting to steal second, Sarah Ludwig made a great catch in right field, and Amelia Hoff combined with Priewe to foil an attempt to steal home.

Red Oak came back in the third inning, with Feingold singling, followed by a big hit to center field by Sarah Cunningham. Cunningham, playing first base, made some great stretches to put out Stahlschmidt players.

Older Traveling Division

Albany-Berkeley Bombers 8
Piedmont Nessies 2

Strong pitching plus timely hitting sparked the Canned Foods B-Town Bombers to a solid 8-2 win over the visiting Piedmont nine. The game started in Piedmont's favor on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon at Fielding Field. Bomber pitcher Sara Corrigan-Gibbs came out of the gate a tad wild, and the Nessies leveraged a series of walks and batters hit-by-pitches into two runs. But the Bombers answered in the top of the first as Sophie Simon-Ortiz scored on a solid single Corrigan-Gibbs, who scampered to third on a smash single by Claire Wilkens. Gibbs scored on an RBI infield hit by Danielle Moore, and the game was tied 2-2. That ended the scoring for Piedmont, as Gibbs settled down, striking out the side in the second, third, and fourth innings.

The Bombers offense revved up again in the bottom of the second. Delaney Danielson and Elise McNamara cracked singles, and Simon-Ortiz dropped a perfect sacrifice bunt for an RBI, scoring Danielson. McNamara also scored, alertly taking advantage of a throw to first by the Piedmont catcher after a third strike dropped ball. Piedmont shut down Berkeley in the bottom of the third, but the Bombers erupted for four more runs in the fourth. Gibbs singled and Wilkens knocked a long single to bring her in. Moore was hit by a pitch, and Sarah Lucas drove in Wilkens

Becca Louie plated another run with an infield out, and Olivia Rivera smoked a clean single to score Moore, only to be erased at second on a nice throw by the Piedmont center fielder. Piedmont mounted a threat in the last stanza, but the Bombers shut the door, with Sarah Lucas making a terrific stab-and-throw to gun down the final out at first.

Briefs

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Berkeley Youth Alternatives

The Berkeley Youth Alternatives sports department will offer basketball and soccer leagues, camps and tournaments for boys and girls 7-17. For details, call 845-9066.

Golf

The Berkeley City Championship Golf Tournament will take place at Tilden Park on Tuesday, June 1. Registration is 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is $115 per player. Cal students and players 18 and under are $75. Entry form and payment must be received by May 20.

The Berkeley City Championship Golf Tournament is patterned after the San Francisco City Championship and is open to Berkeley residents as well as those who work in Berkeley. For details, call 841-0972 or fax 841-8726 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Or e-mail at BCCGT@aol.com.

Running

Foot races to benefit the College Prep School Partners Program will take place Sunday at Redwood Regional Park. The races, at distances of 3.5 and 6 miles, will originate at Redwood Gate near the stream trail. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with the races slated to begin at 8:30. Cost is $19 per runner. The race will feature age group prizes. Walkers are welcome, too. Refreshments also will be available. For details, call the race information line at 869-5804, or e-mail for information at FastC1@aol.com.

The 34th annual Dick Houston Memorial Woodminster Cross Country Race will take place at 9 a.m. at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, June 20. To preregister, send a completed entry form and a check for $10 (payable to Island City Runners) to Woodminster Race, c/o ICR, P.O. Box 1493, Alameda, CA 94501. Entries must be postmarked by June 11. To receive final results, also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope

Race-day registration is $12 and opens at 7:30 a.m.

The first 250 finishers of this hilly, 9-mile race will receive special "Woodminster Survivor" awards

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Arts

Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

What's up with the dean of TV doctors?

The (TV) Doctor Is Still In — For Now: Whither Dr. Dean? A second source confirms last week's item here that popular KGO Radio and TV **Dr. Dean Edell** indeed had high-level talks with Channel 4's news director recently and that the well-known, nationally syndicated radio doc almost jumped ship to go to KRON as we reported here exclusively last week. KGO matched Channel 4's salary offer, so Edell is still taking "House Calls" at 5:25 p.m. on Channel 7's newscast. But for how much longer?

A source who's known Edell for years was surprised not to have heard about the top-secret talks from Edell. "Dean tells me just about everything," the source says. But this confidante did add something I'd heard before — that Edell's thinking seriously of dropping out of TV altogether and concentrating on his successful national radio show and his writing. (Edell's first medical book has just been released, and his Health Central web site is booming).

I suspect part of the reason is Edell's disgust at his dealings with the television industry. On his short-lived daytime NBC health-issues show five years ago, he was forbidden to even utter the word "abortion," ludicrously enough. Then Edell was "jerked around," one friend says, two years ago by USA Cable, which apparently had led Edell to believe it would pick up and produce more episodes of the lively, limited-run "Dear Dr. Dean" call-in series he created and co-produced (it ran for two months on Channel 7). The cable deal didn't happen. Maybe the WWF wrestlers grappled the money away from then-USA Cable boss Kay Koplovitz.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if some day soon Dean had an ISDN (broadcast-quality) phone line installed at his country home in Branscombe," said the friend, "and that he just stayed up there and did his radio show." Shades of KSFO's Jim Eason, who's been holed up in his basement in the piney woods in Ashland, N.C., for six years now (see more below) where he does his "local" radio show, which moved from sister station KGO in 1995.

Edell goes up to remote Branscombe, which is located in the woods west of Willits, most weekends, foresaking his lovely hilltop home in Marin. The maverick Edell told me at breakfast recently he enjoyed his carefree hippie days up in that bucolic Mendocino County area. Besides, tiny Branscombe probably could use another doctor. Plus, it would help put Edell in touch with small-town America - and many smaller stations carry Edell's informative and often-funny show.

Unsolved Local TV Mystery: Last week I had lunch at Jack London Square with KTVU's classy outgoing news director, Fred Zehnder. I asked Zehnder, who retires next Friday (when we'll write a lot more about him) about the surprising departure of anchor Elaine Corral a year ago and the murky circumstances under which she left.

Zehnder, who's always been straight with me (and everyone else), said, "Well, I knew Elaine was leaving ahead of time." (Unlike her newsroom colleagues, co-anchor Dennis Richmond, and even some friends).

So, why'd she leave? It's a question I'm still being asked by readers and was asked by a caller when I appeared on a radio talk show last week. Zehnder said that as the popular anchor was about to leave his office on her last day at Channel 2, Corrral asked her boss, "Do you know why I'm leaving?" Zehnder said no, he didn't. "I can't tell you," Zehnder said Corral replied. Do you think there's maybe a slight chance that lawyers and a legal settlement were somehow involved here?

I've also been told by KTVU sources who were there that the night Corral read her surprising sign-off announcement, Channel 2 general manager Kevin O'Brien and a company lawyer were standing in the station's control room, eyeing Corral's carefully prepared script as she read it.

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After 20 years on radio, jazz pianist strong as ever

By Andrew Gilbert

Marian McPartland has always confounded expectations.

Despite what her fellow countryman Leonard Feather described as "three hopeless strikes against her" — being English, white and a woman — the 79-year-old pianist has transcended various jazz fashions and become one of the music's most popular and effective champions.

In her role as host of the popular National Public Radio show "Piano Jazz," which broadcasts 9 p.m. Wednesdays on KCSM-FM 91.1, McPartland has far exceeded even her own expectations. The gifted pianist is celebrating her show's 20th anniversary, which is about two decades longer than she figured it would last.

"It just seemed like something that would be good for a month or two," McPartland said from her home on Long Island. "As time went on, everybody kept saying how great it was, and all of a sudden five years went by, 10 years went by, and still there's no end to it."

The key ingredient in the show's success, of course, is McPartland herself. Now heard on more than 260 stations, the Peabody Award-winning "Piano Jazz" features McPartland chatting and playing intimate duets with other musicians. While many of jazz's greatest figures have joined her as guests in the studio — everyone from pianists Oscar Peterson, Teddy Wilson and Bill Evans to Dizzy Gillespie, Carmen McRae and Rosemary Clooney — she is as likely to invite a little-known musician. Many of the shows are available on CD from the Jazz Alliance label.

Under the direction of ...

Susan Muscarella, a fine jazz musician and founder of the Jazzschool in Berkeley, joined McPartland on a "Piano Jazz" show broadcast in late March. As a teen-ager, Muscarella had studied transcriptions of McPartland solos, so receiving an invitation to appear on the show contained the added thrill of performing with a role model from adolescence.

"We didn't really rehearse and only played one take of everything," Muscarella said. "I've always loved her harmonic sense. She has such independence of the hands. It's really fun to play duo with someone who plays bass lines. She's like Miles; she goes with the moment."

The comparison to trumpeter Miles Davis is more apt than it might at first appear. While McPartland is not an innovator like Davis, she has, like the late trumpeting great, remained open to new sounds throughout her career. She has played virtually every style of jazz, and her probing musical imagination means she brings fresh insights to the various collaborations she finds herself in.

"I don't think I'm particularly avant-garde," McPartland said. "But I don't think I ever developed a style, like, say, Errol Garner. I certainly never tried to. I just wanted to keep evolving a little bit and try to incorporate into my playing things that I would hear without being a copycat."

Born Margaret Marian Turner in Windsor, England, she first displayed her pronounced independent streak

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PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** Marian McPartland Trio
■ **WHEN:** 8 and 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 22; 2 and 8 p.m. May 23
■ **WHERE:** Yoshi's at Jack London Square, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland
■ **HOW MUCH:** $16 Thursday; $18 May 21, 22 and 23 evening; $5-$16 May 23 matinee
■ **CALL:** 510-238-9200

Without guide at helm, Oakland Ballet goes on

By Anita Amirrezvani

The Oakland Ballet has announced its 1999 season of performances. It will be the first season in the company's history without the direct leadership of founder Ronn Guidi.

Guidi, who founded the Oakland Ballet in 1965, announced his retirement unexpectedly in December while the company was in the middle of its "Nutcracker" performances.

He will serve this year as artistic director emeritus, and the company will perform three of his pieces: "Selections From the Seasons," his version of the "Nutcracker," and a premiere called "Rhenish Symphony."

Joral Schmalle, the company's principal dancer and acting artistic director, put together this year's program with input from Guidi.

In a phone interview on last week, he said that one of the ideas being tossed around was to skip the fall season to save money.

"I thought, we can't do that. If we only do 'Nutcracker,' any (dancer) who can get a job anywhere else will. My first focus was to make sure we had a fall season."

Starting in September, the Oakland Ballet will do a full season of three programs plus 13 performances of "Nutcracker."

The other premieres of the season will include a new pas de deux by Alonzo King of LINES Contemporary Ballet in San Francisco, as well as the company premieres of Lew Christensen's 1942 "Jinx" and San Francisco Ballet resident choreographer Val Caniparoli's 1997 "Djangology."

The company will also perform two successful pieces commissioned last year: King's "Hovering Slightly Above Ground" and Betsy Erickson's "Beneath the Wake."

Continuing its tradition of presenting historic pieces by well-known choreographers, the ballet will revive Bronislava Nijinska's "Les Biches," Eugene Loring's "The Tender Land"

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SEASON SCHEDULE

Here's the schedule for the Oakland Ballet's 1999 season. For tickets, call 510-762-BASS; for information, call 510-452-9288.

Program 1, Sept. 24-26:
■ "Hovering Slightly Above Ground," Alonzo King/Arvo Part
■ "Jinx," Lew Christensen/Benjamin Britten (company premiere)
■ "Djangology," Val Caniparoli/Django Reinhardt (company premiere)

Program 2, Oct. 22-24:
■ "Les Biches," Bronislava Nijinska/Francis Poulenc
■ "Rhenish Symphony," Ronn Guidi/Robert Schumann (premiere)
■ "Beneath the Wake," Betsy Erickson/Philip Glass

Program 3, Nov. 12-14:
■ "Selections from the Seasons," Ronn Guidi/Alexander Glazunov
■ "The Tender Land," Eugene Loring, Aaron Copland
■ "Bolero," Marc Wilde/Maurice Ravel
Plus the premiere of a pas de deux by Alonzo King

Laugh hard, live long

See the Stagebridge premiere of Women and Men, three classic one act comedies about old age, May 22 through June 6.

The performances are on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland.

Tickets: $12. Call (510) 444-4755 for reservations.



LINDA SVENDSEN

BILL LUTKENHOUSE, left, Vilma Vitanza, Elizabeth Canfield and Skip Madison, back, star in the Stagebridge production of Women and Men.

Chewbacca still makin' Wookiee

Lost Thoughts

By Corey Lyons

Rumors of Chewbacca's demise have been greatly exaggerated.

Alas, the free-agent Wookiee reportedly held out for a better contract and will not appear in "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace."

Don't fill out those Death Star membership forms yet, kids.

Chewie, as we affectionately call him, remains a lovable and wildly popular cult figure. He is mobbed wherever he goes.

Exposure has not been a problem for Han Solo's hairy co-pilot, who has not appeared in a film since Chevy Chase lost his sense of humor (1983).

In fact, recent rumors have Chewbacca sun-bathing nude at a Club Med resort in Bora Bora and having sex with C-3PO at the Skydome Hotel, which overlooks the Toronto Blue Jays baseball diamond.

Darned tabloids.

His name and image have been scattered across the world like NATO missiles.

Chewie's nude image has been downloaded on the Web more times than Pamela Anderson Lee and Yoda *combined*.

And grown men across the country have been embarrassed on video tapes in which they were caught playing with Chewbacca action figures. ("No comment" is a popular reply from my public defender.)

A company called Star Jars sold a limited edition set of Chewbacca cookie jars ($249), which featured a colorful bust of our favorite blue-eyed beast.

An alternative rock song has even been written about the Chewmeister; Supernova's "Chewbacca" appeared on the "Clerks" movie soundtrack.

Still, Chewbacca is struggling to find his niche in the movie business — being typecast as a 7-foot Wookiee will do that.

But if George Lucas ever gets around to filming the final three movies of his trilogy — somewhere around 2036 — Chewie's the man.

For the five of you who have not heard of him, here are some Chewbacca facts:

■ He is from the jungle planet Kashyyyk, where he was married to a Wookiee named Maala;

■ He is an accomplished mechanic, faithful friend and fierce warrior;

■ Sans trousers, he carries a Bandolier strap across his left shoulder, which serves as a cartridge pouch;

■ Classified as a runaway slave and a smuggler by the Empire, Chewie was saved by Han Solo, to whom he is indebted for life;

■ He is over 200 years old;

■ According to Kashyyyk folklore, he can eat nine super burritos in one sitting;

■ Thousands of grown men across the country have tried (unsuccessfully) to emulate his trademark grunts, groans and wails.

But until our furry friend appears on the big screen again, a collection of home-enslaved cyberloons indicate that Chewbacca's legend continues to grow.

One site, called "Chewbacca's Corner," was launched by a hermitic soul in 1997. In it, he has compiled a list of the top 10 reasons why "Star Wars" is better than "Star Trek."

No. 1? "Unlike Captain Kirk, Chewie doesn't need hair gel to look good."

Uh, Friend? Oh, never mind.

"World O' Chewbacca," created by "Andrew Wookiee Massey," has attracted more than 33,000 visitors.

Our Wookiee Web operator offers "Star Wars" theme music on his site, at which one can download photos, view a painting of Chewie, read movie scripts or see a clip of Andrew dressed as Chewbacca in a snug-fitting black T-shirt.

Scary. Very scary.

This (rumor) just in: Chewie will make a cameo appearance as carpet in the upcoming film "Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged me."

Studio executives — like the folks at SkyDome — declined comment.

Corey Lyons can be reached at clyons@cctimes.com

HOT SHEET!

■ **Music** — Chonssima, a special 40-voice group of the San Francisco Girls Chorus, will perform "Patterns" at Davis Symphony Hall in San Francisco on Monday, May 24. Twenty of the members are East Bay residents. Call 415-673-1511.

■ **Theater** — "The First 100 Years," written by Bay Area comedian Geoff Hoyle, plays at the Berkeley Rep, 2025 Addison St., at 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, with some special shows. Call 510-845-4700.

■ **Theater** — Stagebridge presents "Women and Men," three classic one-act comedies exploring old age; Friday, May 22, through Sunday, June 6, at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland. Call 510-444-4755.

■ **Media** — CONTENT 99, a media gathering of educational filmmakers and distributors will be held Thursday, May 20, and Friday, May 21 at the Oakland Airport Hilton, 1 Hegenberger Road. Hosted by the National Educational Media Network. Call 510-465-6885.

EVENTS

Music

The Holy Names Orchestra, [illegible] turing an unusual father-daugh[illegible] collaboration, will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at the Va[illegible] Center for the Performing Arts at the Holy Names College campus.

Berkeley resident Roy Boga[illegible] solo pianist with the San Franci[illegible] Ballet and the Diablo Ballet, will [illegible]



ROY BOGAS



SHARON BOGAS

duct the Holy Names Orchestra.

Bogas' 18-year-old daugh[illegible] Sharon, is a cellist who will pe[illegible] Dvorak's cello concerto in B m[illegible] Sharon Bogas has performed [illegible] several Bay Area orchestras, inc[illegible] ing the Oakland East Bay Symph[illegible] and the San Francisco Youth [illegible] chestra.

Call (510) 527-4450 for infor[illegible] tion.

The Julia Morgan Center for Arts will kick off its first Ameri[illegible] Broadway Music Festival Satur[illegible] May 29, in a series of concerts [illegible] icated to turn-of-the-century [illegible] tunes and popular big band sou[illegible]

The Mood Swing Orchestra, a [illegible] piece group featuring some of [illegible] Bay Area's brightest young m[illegible] cians, will perform at 8 p.m. on [illegible] 29.

The band will celebrate [illegible] sounds of Duke Ellington. Tic[illegible] are $10-$20.

Dmitri Matheny's 17-piece [illegible] band, in a concert dedicated [illegible] George Gershwin, will perform [illegible] p.m. on Saturday, June 5. Tickets [illegible] $15-$25.

A group of East Bay jazz m[illegible] cians, including Buddy Conner, [illegible] Winthrop, Ann Dyer and Step[illegible] Bruce, will perform popular t[illegible] immortalized by Cole Porter [illegible] June 12 bash. Tickets are 15-$[illegible]

Oakland's Perfect Peace Ch[illegible] a gospel under the direction o[illegible] tor Donald Bowen, will perform

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Events

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...m. on Saturday, June 19, and Sun-...y, June 20. The group will perform ...play called "Because He Lives." Tick-...ts are $10-$20.

Composer Richard Rogers, joined ...y young members of the Ross Valley ...heater Group, will take the stage at ...

And Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band will end the concert series with a two-gig show during the July 3-4 weekend. Tickets are $10-$20.

A pre-show buffet will be available prior to each show for an additional $7.

The buffets will be limited to the first 100 paying guests.

The Julia Morgan Center is located at 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley.

The New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California

The Merseysippi Jazz Band will perform at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Oakland Moose Lodge Hall, 690 Hegenberger Road.

Donations are requested. Jazz club members $6; other jazz clubs, $8; general public, $10. Call 938-0391 or 661-9893.

The Orchestra will hold its fourth concert featuring Debussy, Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Bizet on May 23, at 3 p.m. Located at 200 Grand Avenue, Oakland's Veteran's Memorial Building. The performance is free. More information, call 238-3284.

Community Festival in Fruitvale

Celebrate the rich and diverse history of the East Bay at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park in Fruitvale on May 23, from noon to 4 p.m. Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalepeno Band and the African Roots of Jazz will play.

Olga Zoya, a storyteller, will appear as Juana Briones, Mexican settler of the 1840's. Bring picnics and dancing shoes.

This is a free event. Take the Fruitvale exit off 80 or 580. Call 525-0712 for info.

Summer sounds of the city

"Summer Evening Sounds," an annual concert series offered by City Center in Oakland, begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 3.

The free event — featuring a variety of musicians from swing to pop — will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Thursday through September.

The series is held in the plaza at City Center, which is located near the 12th Street BART station in downtown Oakland.

Jazz artist Kitty Margolis is the scheduled performer June 3. She will be followed by Zulu Spear (June 10), Zeena Quinn and Sweet N' Sour Swing (June 17) and Lloyd Gregory and Friends (June 24).

Call the City Center events hotline at 510-628-8490 for more information.

Dance

Dance of the dead

The Aurora Theatre Company's seventh season concludes with a revival of August Strindberg's "The Dance of Death (Part One)," directed by Richard Rossi, and featuring Marvin Greene, Lee Ann Manley and Julian Lopez-Morillas.

"The Dance of Death (Part One)" plays Wednesdays-Sundays, May 20-June 20 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, priced from $22 to $32, are available by calling the Aurora Theatre box office at 843-4822.

Theater

Women and Men

Laugh hard, live long. See the Stagebridge premiere of Women and Men, three classic one act comedies about old age, May 22 through June 6, on Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland.

Tickets: $12. Call (510) 444-4755 for reservations.

Elevate . . . an Invitation

Have you ever envisioned being stuck in an elevator? That theme is explored by the Destiny Arts Youth Performance Co., during its play "Elevate...an Invitation."

The play, in which eight teens of different races and cultures find themselves trapped inside an elevator, was written entirely by the DAYPC cast, which includes 20 members.

The characters share their personal experiences of youth, work, humor, song, rap and spoken word while incorporating the movement forms: kung fu, Tai Chi, capoeira, hip hop, modern jazz, samba, West African and aerial dance.

The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, at the Holy Names College Theater, Oakland. Tickets: $12 adults, $6 for youth under 12.

For more information, call 510-597-1619.

Dunsmuir Historic Estate — Celebrating the Edwardian Lifestyle

On May 23, The Dunsmuir Historic Estate presents the first of three major centennial year events, "The Way We Were: Getting From There To Here" on Sunday, May 23.

This offering focuses on early 20th century transportation and lifestyles.

A full day of activities is planned: special children's programs, The Bager's Short Line "G" gauge train, historic Oakland photo exhibit, vintage camera exhibit, autos from the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Cadillac Club, authentic turn-of-the-century food, key system photos from 1890-1902, The Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild playing period games on the meadow, self-guided mansion tours starring living history characters and the Covington Quartet, and vintage carriage rides.

Adults $10/$12 at the gate; DHE members, adults $8/$10 at the gate. Seniors (62+)$7, juniors (6-13) $5, Free to children 5 and under. Located at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland.

Guests are encouraged to wear costumes of the Edwardian period. For more information, call 615-5555.

Art

Oakland Museum of California

Bay Area Sculptors Group Exhibition V: The Object, features the work of four Bay Area sculptors: Margaret Herscher, Charlie Milgrim, Eddy Martinez Hood and Jane Grimm .

Each turns found objects into new ones and recreate common objects from unexpected materials.

The exhibition is on view at the museum of California Sculpture Court at City Center, 1111 Broadway, Oakland, from May 24 through Sept. 11.

Sculpture court hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call 1-888-625-6873.

Cohn-Stone Studios

The Cohn Stone Studio will open its doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22, for glassblowing demonstrations and a spring sale.

Pieces by an internationally known artisan team, Molly Stone and Michael Cohn, will be offered at discounted prices.

Located at 5755 Landregan Street, Emeryville. Call 654-9690.

Open studio in Emeryville

Ripe and juicy women, winking eyes and playful installations are images that are not usually associated with the macho art of welding. Welcome to the "Open Studio" event at Vickie Jo Sowell's Unruly Images studio!

Visitors entering through the handwrought humorous metal gates during the first weekend (June 5-6) are treated to an incredible garden feast amid welded sculptures in the yard, the studio and even on the exterior walls of the house and studio. Come the first weekend to enjoy the annual garden free food fest, this year focusing on Indian cuisine. This is the Open Studio event not to be missed!

Free and open to the public two weekends in June: June 5, 6 and June 12, 13th, 11-6 p.m., Unruly Images is located at 3616 Peralta Street behind the Pac 'n save shopping center) in Emeryville.

Call the Unruly Images Studio for more information at 655-7374.

McPartland

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...hile studying at the very proper ...uildhall School of Music and ...rama as a teen-ager. McPartland ...andalized her parents and teach-...rs when she absconded to audition ...ith the music hall piano perform-...r Billy Mayerl and His Claviers.

"It just seemed exciting to be part ...f a name group, and to go on the ...oad," McPartland said. "I had to do ...t although of course my parents ...ere very dismayed. I went and I re-...lly never regretted it."

For the men in blue

When World War II broke out, she ...oined ESNA, the British version of ...he USO, to which she transferred ...fter D-Day. Touring Allied facilities ...ith a troupe headed by Fred As-...aire, often close enough to the front ...o p.m. during the June 25-26 week-...nd. Tickets are $15-$25.

to hear artillery fire, she met and soon married dashing young soldier and respected jazz trumpeter Jimmy McPartland.

After the war, she performed widely with McPartland and his Chicago jazz buddies, who were devoted to a traditional jazz style influenced by Louis Armstrong and Bix Beiderbecke. But the pianist was far too musically curious to stick to any one style, and she began to strike out on her own, eventually landing a trio gig at a New York City 52nd Street nightspot, the Hickory House. Running intermittently from 1952 to 1962, the engagement spread McPartland's reputation. It wasn't unusual for her to look up and see Duke Ellington or Billy Strayhorn in the audience.

"It was mostly thrilling, not so much scary, but one could get a little nervous with Duke sitting there night after night," McPartland said.

To purchase tickets call 510-883-7018.

While there were many personnel changes over the years, her most celebrated Hickory House trio featured bassist Bill Crow and noted drummer Joe Morello (before he went on to join Dave Brubeck). The group recently reunited at Birdland to record a live album for the Concord label, reinterpreting some of the tunes they recorded for Capitol in the '50s.

For her week-long run at Yoshi's, McPartland brings in her West Coast trio with drummer Scott Morris and bass virtuoso Bill Douglass, who was featured on her excellent 1996 Concord Jazz album "Live at Yoshi's Nitespot." Forming deep musical relationships with players about half her age is perhaps one secret behind McPartland's artistic longevity.

"Sitting down somewhere like Yoshi's for a few days is a good deal for me," McPartland said. "I get very creative around those guys."

Oakland Civic Orchestra

Ballet

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...ed a version of "Bolero" by chore-...grapher Marc Wilde.

All of the performances will take ...lace at the art deco Paramount The-...re in Oakland.

At present, it's unclear how many ...f the performances will include live ...usic, other than the "Nutcracker." ...That is directly related to the rev-...nue we're able to raise," says in-

terim executive director Connie Shapiro.

The season announcement comes at a time of transition for the Oakland Ballet, which is searching for both a new artistic director and a new executive director.

The new artistic director is expected to be hired by Jan. 1, and Schmalle is one of the candidates.

A new executive director is expected to be announced soon.

The company's budgetary shortfalls have resulted in austerity measures that are still being felt.

One of these was a curtailment of the company's normally extensive touring schedule in order to save money, and a corresponding reduction in the dancers' contracts to 18 weeks for the principal dancers and nine to 13 weeks for the others.

But according to Shapiro, the company's financial situation has improved. "We have no deficit now. We are ending the (fiscal) year a little bit in the black," she says.

Mann

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Also, Elaine said in this column last winter that the reason she left ...s that she wanted to do something ...lse — ie., movies — and leave ...elevision. But Corral was spotted ...ast after her KTVU departure hud-...led with her agent, Jeff Morad, ...nd news execs from KRON.

The cheerful former anchor ...aughs off that meeting, explain-...ng, "I'd just won a radio-TV News ...irectors' Award, and at the ban-...uet, (KRON news V.P.) Al Holzer ...ame over to chat with me and he ...ntroduced me to (Channel 4 news ...irector) Dan Rosenheim. Don't ...ake anything of it," says Corral, ...ho adds, "As Fred knew, I left to ...ursue my personal and profes-...ional objectives — which turned ...ut to be acting."

Not only has Corral subse-...uently done four movies, one with ...rnold Schwarzenegger, but the ...ast Bay resident tells me "I was ...ecently called down to Hollywood ...o audition for a role as Robert ...eNiro's girlfriend!"

(I'm just trying to picture it now. Elaine Corral and Travis Bickle: "You talkin' to me? You talkin' to ME?").

Corral ads: "I didn't retire. I know people assume I did. I'm just in a different career. I left the TV news business after accomplishing everything I wanted ... and it was time to pursue this dream I always had (films). And I'm happier now than I've ever been in my life." And if Elaine's happy, hey, we're happy.

One Sore Anchor: I checked in with Elaine's former deskmate, Channel 2 anchor **Dennis Richmond,** to see about any aftereffects of his back surgery a few weeks ago. Richmond had been in excruciating pain from a ruptured disc; it was so bad he told me his left leg was once paralyzed.

"The leg is still partially paralyzed," says the popular newsman, "and I still walk with a limp. We'll just have to see if the leg heals. Time will tell."

Richmond adds: "I'll tell you this, though — I'll take a limp any day over that pain I had before the surgery." Richmond says he's still planning on playing some golf this summer.

Y'all Come Down: "Contract negotiations are continuing," reports genial KGO/KSFO Radio operations manager Jack Swanson (who's also an attorney) after his recent Southern road trip to see the reclusive Eason in North Carolina last week. The 25-year KGO/KSFO veteran talk host says he gave a contract proposal to KGO/KSFO general manager Mickey Luckoff in February, then heard nothing for several months.

"Jim has it made," reports Swanson. "Asheville is a sophisticated enclave, but people don't make a lot of money there, and Jim is making San Francisco dollars. He's got a sweet life and a one-story commute." (i.e, to his basement radio studio).

Swanson adds, "I had no grits, no gravy, no biscuits. You have to remember that Eason's lived longer in the Bay Area than he has in his native North Carolina. We had dinner at his house, and we had pasta and crab cakes." You can almost hear the fog horns.

"Asheville's the kind of place," says an incredulous-sounding Swanson, "where people wave at you. Yes, people actually waved at me."







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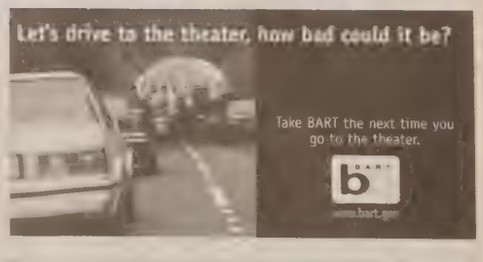
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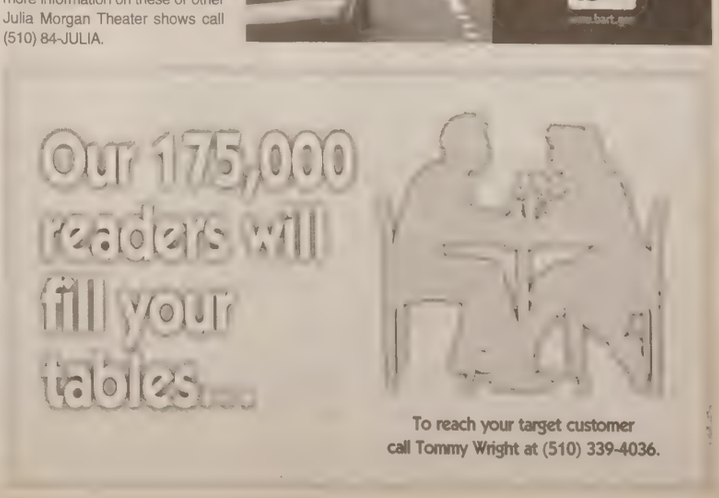
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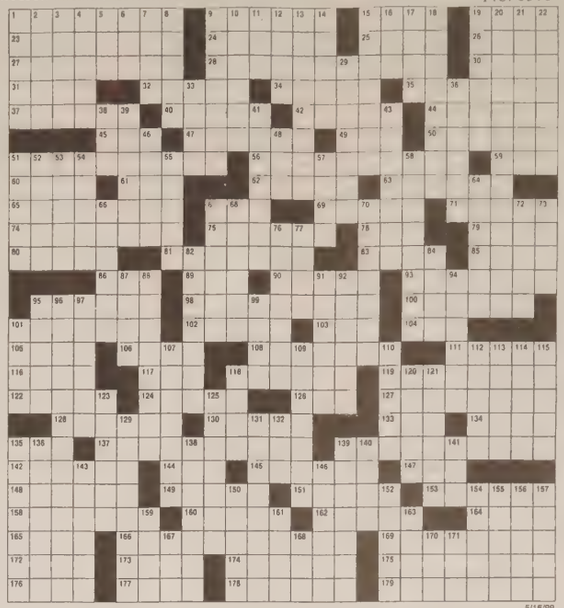


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Hard Clues

ACROSS

1 Shakes
9 Shouting
15 Do
19 Pointed ends
23 Hardly vintage
24 The Mormons' trek, e.g.
25 —— Kumar, "The Jewel in the Crown" role
26 Request on an order
27 Madonna role, 1996
28 Meryl Streep role, 1985
30 "Que ——?"
31 Devil's Island escapee Belbenoit
32 Pops
34 Home of the Ewoks
35 One who gets the message
37 Signs of superciliousness
40 Old railroad car, maybe
42 Up
44 Strauss opera
45 Part of an E-mail address
47 Broadcast
49 Suffix with glamour
50 Skyline features
51 Cate Blanchett role, 1998
56 Marie-France Pisier role, 1981
59 Hymenopteran
60 Prefix with form
61 Attention
62 One of Chaucer's pilgrims
63 Response to a garbled fax
65 Person of great endurance
67 Brief warning
69 Ogee shapes
71 City on the Loire
74 Certain toothpaste tubes
75 1992 A.L. Championship Series M.V.P.
78 Med. specialty
79 Son of Judah
80 Chicken
81 Sub components
83 Alternatives to 32-Across
85 Year after Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury
86 Center opening
89 Sir, in Portugal
90 Words repeated in "—— is above the law and —— is below it": Theodore Roosevelt
93 Beau
95 Early record label
98 Ingrid Bergman role, 1948
100 Salad ——
101 Stopped
102 Our, in Augsburg
103 Ship's dir.
104 H.S. event
105 Rights org.
106 Dinosaurs' open mouths, e.g.
108 It's hardly welcoming
111 Flood
116 Dixie school
117 Final
118 Strata
119 Chamber pieces
122 Saw
124 Québec peninsula
126 Real estate ad abbr.
127 Burly types
128 Rod
130 Glow
133 W W II Mosquito pilots
134 Ancient Irish capital
135 Castaway site
137 Greer Garson role, 1943
139 Sigourney Weaver role, 1988
142 Quakers
144 Benevolent one
145 It's a natural
147 Ice, with "up"
148 Celebrities get these
149 Some quarters
151 Gumshoes
153 They open up at night
158 Showed off
160 Bel ——
162 Nursery school item
164 Check
165 Miffs
166 Sissy Spacek role, 1980
169 Judi Dench role, 1997
172 To —— (perfectly)
173 Lasting attachment
174 Like a crystal chandelier
175 Effort
176 Computer ——
177 They've come out
178 Soprano Mitchell et al.
179 Tossing

DOWN

1 Holds
2 Fact
3 Vacant
4 Native Americans might raise a flap about this
5 Get on
6 Beat
7 Servant of Antony in "Antony and Cleopatra"
8 Council
9 Pasta go-with, perhaps
10 Second-rate
11 Title of respect, abroad
12 Spy's equipment
13 Military weapons
14 Corporate operations
15 Cling to
16 Intl. assn. since 1948
17 Burned up
18 Maneuvers adroitly
19 Place near Vesuvio
20 Vanessa Redgrave role, 1968
21 People who watch their bags
22 Least lavish
29 Broadway concerns
33 Gossip
36 It helps the medicine go down
38 Columbia competitor
39 Words of concurrence
41 Place for cards, perhaps
43 Ram
46 Gettysburg figure
48 Lot for Wednesday's child
51 "Paradise Lost" and others
52 Writer Jones
53 Favorites
54 Knocks
55 Lover's keepsake, perhaps
57 Message ender
58 Rainy day provisions
64 Think creatively
66 State, once
67 Oater feature
68 Fleece providers
70 Round-table sessions
72 Bestows lavishly
73 Pet
76 Mediterranean resort site
77 From
82 Settles
84 F.D.R.'s mother
87 Work with feet
88 Threatened
91 Air
92 Longtime TV western star
94 Reveals
95 "The Hot Zone" virus
96 Jennifer Jason Leigh role, 1994
97 Part of E. I. Du Pont
99 Man's name meaning "champion"
101 Whizzed through
107 Jaded
109 Way to produce a champion animal, maybe
110 Tel Aviv native
112 Foes of the Romans
113 Spheres
114 À —— (ashore): Fr.
115 Elianic work
118 Home to Shining Path guerrillas
120 Horse colors
121 Blew
123 Extremely
125 Collector
129 Like corn on the stalk
131 Olympics event
132 Bribe
135 Salt lake
136 Ancient Semitic goddess
138 They don't stand on ceremony
139 Transfers ports
140 Signs
141 1942-45 stat. disseminator
143 Completely clean again
146 Schubert's birthplace
150 Calcium, e.g.
152 Break off
154 Place to run aground
155 Do the honors, so to speak
156 Miscellanies
157 Leads
159 Shade of gray
161 East End greeting
163 Sailor's rope
167 Grayback
168 Female principle
170 Small music-makers
171 New Year's, abroad

Easy Clues

ACROSS

1 Stirs up
9 Outcry
15 Hairdo
19 Penpoints
23 Sourish, as bad wine
24 Journey to a better place
25 Spy Mata ——
26 "Hurry!" on a memo
27 Madonna role, 1996: 2 wds.
28 Meryl Streep role, 1985: 2 wds.
30 "Qué ——?" ("What's going on?")
31 Lacoste of tennis
32 Ice cream drinks
34 Witch of ——
35 Reader of secret messages
37 Villains' looks, perhaps
40 Hash house
42 Up and about
44 Biblical dancer
45 End of many an E-mail address
47 Scattered
49 British verb ending
50 Steeple tops
51 Cate Blanchett role, 1998: 2 wds.
56 Marie-France Pisier role, 1981: 2 wds.
59 Picnic pest
60 Foot: Prefix
61 Place to hang a ring
62 Superman portrayer
63 Dispatch again
65 Raymond Burr TV series
67 School street warning
69 Slalom curves
71 Some are grand
74 Shelfmates for Aims and Crests
75 Roberto of baseball
78 Suffix with differ
79 —— even keel: 2 wds.
80 Pantywaist
81 Deli meats
83 Juice drinks
85 Half of MCCIV
86 Prefix with center or gram
89 Actor DeLuise
90 "—— is an island": 2 wds.
93 Chivalrous
95 Stock ticker inventor
98 Ingrid Bergman role, 1948: 3 wds.
100 Lettuce leaves
101 Failed to carry out, as a mission
102 Auto racer Al
103 Opposite of SSW
104 Used a chair
105 Essence
106 Hungry mouths
108 Chilly attitude
111 Outpouring
116 North Carolina college
117 Snare
118 Smoothing tools
119 Ornate cupboards
122 Passé
124 Canada's —— Bay
126 Parts of a house, in classifieds: Abbr.
127 Nightclub employees
128 Furnace
130 Zeal
133 Luftwaffe foe: Abbr.
134 Scarlett O'Hara's home
135 Islet
137 Greer Garson role, 1943: 2 wds.
139 Sigourney Weaver role, 1988: 2 wds.
142 Quaking trees
144 Caribou's kin
145 Football squad
147 Stitch
148 Rubbernecks
149 Campus buildings
151 Clark and Tracy
153 Dance clubs
158 Celebrated St. Patrick's Day
160 Bel —— (Italian cheese)
162 Artist's stand
164 Sentry's call
165 Bothers
166 Sissy Spacek role, 1980: 2 wds.
169 Judi Dench role, 1997
172 "That suits me to ——": 2 wds.
173 Anon's partner
174 Glittering
175 Attempt
176 Dweeb
177 Ball V.I.P.'s
178 Hotelier Helmsley and others
179 Fidgety

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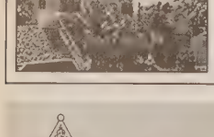
1 Declares
2 Donated
3 Silly
4 Home on the range
5 Ripen
6 Sailor
7 Cupid, to Greeks
8 Ecclesiastical assembly
9 Red Italian wine
10 Inferior
11 —— Khan
12 Concert prop
13 Guns and ammunition
14 Commando actions
15 Hold dear
16 W. Hemisphere assn.
17 Made angry
18 Bridge players' moves
19 City southeast of Roma
20 Vanessa Redgrave role, 1968: 2 wds.
21 Infielders
22 Most frugal
29 Observes
33 Entree
36 Modern pill
38 —— Victor
39 "Amen!": 3 wds.
41 Place for a Ping-Pong table: 2 wds.
43 Caboose: 2 wds.
46 Gettysburg general
48 Misery
51 Sword-and-sandal flicks
52 "Vive ——!" (old French cry): 2 wds.
53 Objects of devotion
54 Whizzing bullet sounds
55 Lock of hair
57 —— and done with
58 Savings kitties: 2 wds.
64 Noggin
66 Declare, old-style
67 Western bar
68 Animals of 118-Down
70 Rap sessions?
72 Downpours
73 Fit of temper
76 One of the Balearics
77 Beginning 2 wds
82 Resets
84 Actress [illegible] of "Roses
87 Sonnet
88 At risk
91 Method
92 James [illegible] "Gunsmo
94 Reveals feelings
95 Deadly A virus
96 Jennifer Leigh role, 2 wds.
97 The "I" of Du Pont
99 Broadway Simon [illegible]
101 Got an A
107 Fatigued
109 Best —— show categ
110 Native-bo Israeli
112 Early Brie
113 Regions
114 —— Hawk
115 Written te answer
118 Where Lin
120 Speckled
121 Bungled
123 Like Lady Macbeth's
125 Hoarder
129 Like Shrin hats
131 Equestrian
132 Fix a squea
135 Sea north
136 Semitic go of fertility
138 Romeo an Juliet, e.g.
139 Pours, as
140 Pen fluids
141 1942-45 st disseminat Abbr
143 Wiped clea
146 Austria's
150 In rock, it be heavy
152 Cut
154 Sand bar
155 Preside at Thanksgiv
156 Hodgepod
157 Flag feature
159 Peacenik
161 Cockney greeting
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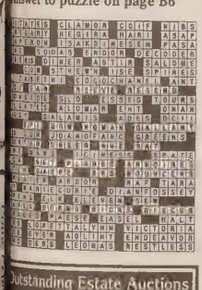
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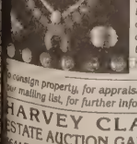
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The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., presents a trip to Carmel and San Juan Bautista on May 24 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is $22. Lunch on your own. For more information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

The Claremont Resort and Spa offers Memorial Day Weekend swing lessons on May 27, 28, and 30. Call 800-551-7266 or 843-3000 for times and additional information or visit the Web site at www.claremontresort.com.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

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YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

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Exhibits

The Berkeley Art Museum Pacific Film Archive presents "Emerge: New Work by UC-Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduates," opening May 22 and continuing through Aug. 15. Emerge is an exhibition of works by candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degree at UC-Berkeley. Artists include Nina Lynn Bellisio, Jason Byers, Sook Im Choi, Elizabeth Demaray, Stephanie Anne Johnson, and Katherine Shozawa.

ACCI Gallery and The Berkeley Florist present "Garden Art," an exhibit featuring wood and metal sculpture, ceramic planters, fountains and birdbaths. The exhibit runs through June 19. Call 843-2527 for gallery hours.

Instinct & Vision, a new exhibit, continues through June 27 at the Royal Ground Gallery. 2958 Mountain Blvd Additional information call 339-0348.

Traywick Gallery, 1316 10th St., presents the recent paintings and drawings by Bay Area Artist Amy Kaufman continues until May 30. Kaufman's large-scale works, in charcoal and pastel on paper and oil, center around a single, focused compositional theme. In her current body of work she employs stripes and dot shapes as structural devices. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Call Katrina Traywick or Robin Galas at 527-1214 for more information.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., presents the "Cancer and the Environment Inter-

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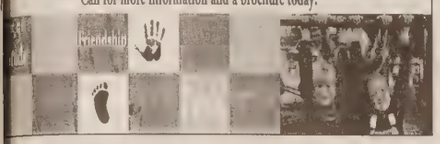
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Tobi Kahn: Metamorphoses exhibition continues through May 23 at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. with six paintings on view at the library of the Graduate Theological Union.

Random Works of Art, 1999. Fourth Annual multimedia exhibit by eight East Bay women artists, through May 23. Alta Bates Gallery, 3001 Colby St., Berkeley.

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Strong Women : Writers and Heroes of American Literature"; 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Doreen Rippier Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-3570 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

Arnold Kiel, UC-Berkeley School of Political Science graduate, will discuss "Milosevic's View of Primakov, Kosovo et al., and Policy Implications," at the City Commons Club meeting and luncheon May 28. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Venetian Room. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost is $10.75 or $12.25. Admission with coffee is $1. Lecture begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. For additional information call 848-4533 or 845-4725.

The Transportation Commission meeting for May has been changed. The meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 20. Agendas and materials will be available by May 21. Details Call Nathan Landau at 705-8136.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1282 meets Tuesday, May 25 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave. Buzz Bertolero, The Dirt Gardener will speak.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-1765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

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Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Voices of Healing Story Circles, a spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illnesses, meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Strong Women-Writers and Heroes of American Literature meet on Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. This is a free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program. For additional information call 549-2970.

Music

The Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus present an exploration of 20th-century American choral music on Friday, May 21, 8 p.m. at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, 1940 Virginia St. The group will perform on Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Montclair, 1707 Gouldin Road. For ticket and concert information call 524-3611.

Steve Arnston, classical pianist, will perform at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., on Monday, May 24, at 1 p.m. Call 644-6107 for more information.

Jolani Eddington, organist, will perform at the Berkeley Community Theatre, Alston and Milvia Avenues, on Sunday, May 30, at 2:30 p.m. Eddington has performed at six national ATOS conventions, in England, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand. The 25-year-old organist, who has several CDs, will graduate from Yale Law School this year. Tickets are $10 at the door. Prepaid $9, seniors/students. Children 12 and under free. Call 644-2707 for additional information.

Kabbalat Shabbat. The Songs of Songs Minyan come together for a community Kabbalar Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. one Friday, every month for egalitarian Jewish spiritual practice. The service focuses on the rich content of Jewish sacred music, poetry and prayer from around the world. The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center is located at 1414 Walnut St. Details: 848-0237.

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Lecture/Workshop

The Department of Near Eastern Studies and the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Northern California chapter are co-sponsoring a lecture on Sunday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. at UC-Berkeley in Kroeber Hall, Room 160. The topic is "The Ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead." The lecturer is Dr. Malcom Mosher. For additional information call 527-9746.

Kathryn Berenson, the author of "Quilts of Province" will lecture Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Admission: Members free, non-members $3. Call Valerie Yeaton at 339-0135 or Margo Weeks 233-6771 for additional information.

Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, presents Art/Meditation a free slide show and a talk on "The Life of the Buddha as Depicted in Tibetan Art" on Sunday, May 30 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. For additional information call 843-6812.

The City Commons Club, 2315 Durant Ave., presents Timothy Ferris, Ph.D., professor Emeritus, UC-Berkeley, speaking on "Life Beyond Earth," on Friday, May 21. Ferris is author of "The Whole Shebang." Luncheon is served at 11:45 a.m. Cost is $10.75 or $12.25, admission with coffee is $1. Speaker starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. Call 848-3533 or 845-4725 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.



EDMUND LEE

LYSANDER, played by Alexis Manetas, left, gives a speech which Hermia, played by Megan Reynolds, has a catfight with Helena, played by Julia Bellows in the El Cerrito High school production of William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. The play is adapted for a 1940's setting with jazz music. Tickets are $8 and runs through May 22. the school is located at Ashbury and Eureka.

Religion

Buddhist teacher Sylvia Gretchen will read and talk on "Prayer to Shakyamuni Buddha" on Saturday May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. Special Tibetan chanting from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Abbe Blum will speak on "The No Problem Place: Meditation and Calming the Restless Mind" on Sunday, May 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. Both events take place at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place. For additional information call 843-6812.

"Daily Word Readers": Anyone interested in meeting with others to study the Unity principles contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

Theater, Dance & Film

The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., will show the movie "Wings of a Dove" on Thursday, May 20 at 1 p.m. For more information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107

The Berkeley Ballet Theater Spring Show takes place at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Dates and times: May 21, 7 p.m., Children's Division; May 22, 11 a.m. Pre-Ballet, 2 p.m. Children's Division and 7 p.m. Youth Ensemble; May 23, 2 p.m. Youth Ensemble, 6 p.m. Adult Division. All shows are $12. Ticket information call 843-4687.

Choreographers' Performance Alliance presents two performances: May 22, "Works In the Works 20th Anniversary Celebration," and May 23, "Works in the Works '99," a low-tech performance series. Both performances start at 7:30 p.m., $7 at the door. Information call 524-9346

The 1999 Berkeley Festival of the Arts continues its presentation of "Short n' Wilder" May 28, 29, and 30 at 8 p.m. The performance is at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Admission is $12 general, $8 for students, seniors and TBA members and $5 for holders of the Berkeley Festival of the Arts ARTzPass. For reservations and information, call the Emerald Rain Productions hotline at 982-0433

The UC-Berkeley, Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way, continues its exhibit "Show and Tell: A Selected History of Photography and Video," through July 31. The exhibit is a selective survey of the history of photography and of early video art. For further information on this or any other museum programs call 642-0808.

The Berkeley Ballet Theater Youth Ensemble Spring performances will feature classical and contemporary ballet and modern dance. A gala performance takes place on Saturday, May 22 at 7 p.m., followed by a Champagne and Dessert reception. Tickets are $60 adult, $40 under 18. The performance only is $12. An additional Youth Ensemble performance takes place on Sunday, May 23, 2 p.m. Children's Division Showcase performances are on Friday May 21, 7 p.m. and Saturday May 22 at 2 p.m. A pre-ballet showcase takes place on Saturday May 22 at 11 a.m. All tickets except for Gala are $12. For additional information call 843-4689.

TheatreFirst continues its performance of "The Quick-Change Room" through May 30. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The production takes place at the Thousands Oaks Baptist Church, 800 Colusa Ave. Tickets are $14 Thursday, Sunday, $19 Friday and Saturday. Discounts. $2 seniors, students, TBA members. For reservations and information call 436-5085. Call Clive Chafer, 436-5085 for additional information.

The 1999 Berkeley Festival of the Arts presents "Short n' Wilder," a series of short plays by Berkeley theater artists. The program includes performances by Shotgun Players, Berkeley High School's Independent Theater Projects, Emerald Rain Productions, Impact Theater, and the Three Les Brothers. "Short n' Wilder" runs until May 30. The performance schedule is as follows: and May 28, 29, 30, Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Admission is $12 general, $8 for students seniors and TBA members and $5 for holders of the Berkeley Festival of the Arts ARTzPASS. For reservations and information call the Emerald Rain Productions hotline at 982-0433.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, 1301 Shattuck Ave., continues with its production of "Sylvia" on Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. The production will continue through May. Admission is $9 with discounts for groups of 15 or more. Reservations 528-5620

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Open Garden Day set for Saturday

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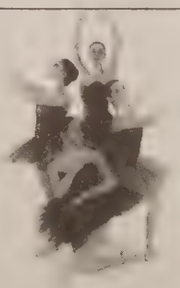
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Chamber president raps planning commission

Chamber of Commerce President Bill Kerber last week lashed out at the city Planning Commission for being "a basic roadblock" to the start of work on fixing up El Cerrito Plaza.

Kerber made his views known in a letter sent to the editors of both local newspapers. Claiming the Planning Commission was top-heavy with "new urbanists," the Chamber chief charged "it's been virtually impossible to drag these environmental dreamers into the world of economic reality."

He went on to point out that members of the commission stubbornly cling to the idea that the Plaza could be a far better place if it were more of a community center and less of a profitable shopping complex.

"According to reports I have received," the head of the Chamber of Commerce went on, "most of the commissioners seem eager — even at this late date — to turn down the compromise Plaza plan its taken months to work out. It seems they are willing to resume their push for a mixed-use urban village."

If the commissioners feel the plan they favor best meets the desires of an overwhelming majority of the public, Kerber added, they're just fooling themselves. "Over the years," he explained, "the public — both merchants and residents alike — have made the following four things crystal clear:

"1. They want a quality shopping center that provides for all their material needs and offers a selection of restaurants and opportunity for entertainment.

"2. They most definitely want a department store.

"3. They do not want housing at the Plaza.

"4. They want the center rebuilt as quickly as possible.

Should the Planning commission turn down the latest Plaza revitalization plan after a June public hearing, Kerber called on the City Council to reverse this decision without even waiting for the owners to file an appeal.

"After they've taken care of that chore," the chamber President concluded, "the City Council would be well advised to remove the basic problem by reconstituting the Planning Commission membership so a majority of its members had at least a nodding acquaintance with economic reality."

Record membership looms

Membership in the El Çerrito Chamber of Commerce continues to grow at a record pace as five more firms joined the organization in the last two weeks.

Newest additions to the chamber's rapidly expanding membership list include Katana-Ya Ramen, Superior Plumbing and Heating, Windrush School, R. H. Anderson Co. and Armor Security Systems.

Outstanding Japanese food is the specialty of Katana-Ya Ramen Restaurant. Located at 10546 San Pablo Ave., the establishment is owned and operated by James Chooi.

Superior Plumbing and Heating has been offering quality service locally for some 24 years. Under owner Don Bittner the firm does both residential and commercial work — including new construction, remodeling, repairing and service — along with same day installation of water heaters.

"Strong academics in a supportive community" is the specialty of Windrush School, located at 1800 Elm St. According to Bonnie Whittler, Windrush offers classes for children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Headquartered at 904 San Pablo Ave. in Albany is the R. H. Anderson Co. The firm, headed by Raymond H. Anderson, specializes in handling estate liquidation sales.

Armor Security Systems is a professional locksmith company specializing in commercial, residential, industrial and automotive work. Owned and operated by Allan Baer, the firm's main store is located at 139 W. Richmond Ave. in Point Richmond.

The chamber would also like to thank Miracle Auto Painting, 5327 Jacuzzi Street in Richmond, and Giovanni's Produce & Grocery, 1600 Liberty St., for showing their support by reinvesting in this organization for another year.

Luncheon deadline Friday

Members have until close of business tomorrow to make reservations for the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's May business luncheon next Monday, May 24.

Featured speaker at this session will be El Cerrito Mayor Gina Brusatori, who will deliver a mid-term report on pending city issues titled "Where Do We Go From Here?"

The luncheon, which is open to members and their guests, will get underway at noon in the private dining room at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave.

Eagles host mad mixer

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and their guests will get a chance to look over the newly refurbished Eagles Hall at 3223 Carlson Blvd. next week when Bayview Aerie #2323 Fraternal Order of Eagles plays host to the May Mixer.

Scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, this event will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Chamber member sets fete

Celebrating Culture and Community, a group which holds an Associate Membership in the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is spearheading the First Annual Richmond-El Cerrito Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

Scheduled for this Saturday, May 22, this event will get underway at 11 a.m. with a parade from Richmond to the El Cerrito Community Center. Included in the parade will be floats from the Sikh and Laotian communities.

Preceding the parade, from 10 to 11 a.m., the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will assist in staging a VIP reception at Kung Fu USA, 10557 San Pablo Ave. Among those expected to attend this invitation-only reception are the mayors of both Richmond and El Cerrito, city councilmembers from both cities, County Supervisor John Goia, and the consuls general of Australia, Japan and China.

Highlighting the celebration, which is being held in conjunction with the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission and the Richmond Friends of Human Relations, will be Multicultural Festival from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

This festival will attempt to showcase all the populations and cultures living in this community, and will include groups performing the dance and music of Mexico, Italy, Nigeria, Japan and other countries.

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

The parade and festival is being funded by a $2,500 grant from the California Arts Council.

Art Show winners

Six local artists walked off with special honors at the recent Annual Art Show and Sale staged by the El Cerrito Art Association, Associate Member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Winning special honors were: Barbara Brendlinger, Past Presidents Award; Nina Hazelton, Memorial Award; Janet Dollacker, Community Services Award; Janice Porter, the Women's Club of El Cerrito Award; Marta Baranyk, Chamber of Commerce Award; and Jimmie Wood, Mayors Award.

Winners in the seven categories displayed at the show included:

OIL AND ACRYLICS — Regine Pressler, first place; Debbie Weeks, second; Hans Brouwer, third place; Helen Brooks, Lydia Sai and Dot Minnich, honorable mention.

WATERCOLOR — Nyland Jeung, first; Don Falconer, second; Earl Hazelton, third; Jim Woo Chester Imai and Pao Chi Ten, honorable mention.

COLLAGE, GRAPHICS, PASTEL 7 MIXED MEDIA — Jean Witzke, first; Kathleen Kelly, second; Charles Shain, third; Barbara Bradlee, Joe Ursini and Collin Murphy, honorable mention.

ASIAN STYLE ART — John Io, first; Ming Hui Jie, second; Bai Ru Wu, third; Nylan Jeung, Phyllis Kanter and Angela Lee, honorable mention.

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SCULPTURE — Margo Santos, first; Traudel Prussin, second; Urs Imfeld, third; Dee Pruyn, Maxine Rolnick and Philip Schurman, honorable mention.

Good news for business

Recent letters sent to all commercial property owners in El Cerrito regarding the cost of sewer service may be good news for members of the business community, according to Lawrence Rugaard, district manager of the Stege Sanitary District.

"The proposed charge," Rugaard explained in response to an inquiry from the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, "is based on factored water consumption at a service address for calendar year 1996, and the rate charged per 1,000 gallons of water consumption for commercial users is reduced from last year's rate."

Rugaard invited any chamber member who was concerned or had questions to come to the Stege office or telephone him at 524-4668 for a thorough explanation of their sewer service charges and the change in cost from last year's charge to this year's proposed charge.

Owners of commercial property, he added, are the only ones who will receive notice of the hearing to be held on the proposed sewer service charge rates.

Egyptology as avocation rather than care[er]

Marie Buttery had always been intensely interested in Egyptology, even, at one time, hoping to make it her life's work. It was this great interest that led her to "almost single handedly" found the Northern California chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt. And it was of this center that Buttery spoke so enthusiastically during our interview.

The American Research Center in Egypt, says its literature, "is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1948. Originally, its purpose was to serve as an outpost in Egypt for American institutions with archaeological programs. ARCE established a permanent office in Cairo to assist expedition teams who were in Egypt for the expedition season only, representing their interests on a year-round basis. The emergence of the Arab world, with Cairo at its center, underscored the need for a broader understanding of Egypt that encompassed its more recent history and aspirations. Responding to that need, ARCE expanded its role to include the study of medieval and modern Egypt, as well as the country's ancient past. ARCE participated in salvaging the monuments of Nubia from the rising Nile behind the Aswan dam and surveying the scientific manuscripts in Arabic in the National Library in Cairo.

"There is a fellowship program inaugurated in 1957 with over 400 alumni scholars to date. Today ARCE supports projects all over Egypt which study and conserve its precious heritage."

Marie pinpointed some of the things they do. She notes that the scientists live a very Spartan life when they are there, and ARCE helps them with that, and helps them negotiate with the Egyptian government, and their 'concessions' to the researchers. She points out that at one time most of the Archaeologists were French or English. It was only when Howard Carters excavated that Egypt began to realize the country's interests and decide where farmers might not farm and builders might not build. This kind of research, Buttery tells us, is "'way down on the country's priorities lists". Also, they began exerting the country's right to the artifacts of the past, and recognizing the value to them.

Marie has sent me some copies of the newsletters of the organization, and they depict a most interesting organization. They have speakers at their monthly meetings, and they seem fascinating. One speaks of Dr. Aidan Dodson,. who discussed royal burial practices beginning with the oldest of the pyramid tombs at Cahslur — that of Amenemhat II — and ending with the last royal tomb constructed in Egypt during the 20th Century!

The speaker in April was Madame Hagar Islambouly, Consul General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in San Francisco, who spoke on Egypt for the 21st Century.

As I go through the literature I find one fascinating fact after another. I am so sorry that I was unable to attend their May 4th meeting when Dr. Nicholas Reeves spoke on Tutankhamen, The Last Mystery. And who has not been intrigued by that?

Buttery's Northern California Chapter is the fifth in the country. Other chapters are in New York, Washington D. C., Texas, and Los Angeles. She is no longer president of the Northern California Chapter, but does the programming for it.

Marie says a long talk with her father, who pointed out the problems if she chose Egyptology as her life's work: always having to beg for money, spending all her time out in the desert and the digging.

So, says Buttery, "I wound up spending my life in nursing and teaching at Merit College."

Born in Brooklyn, she went to the local schools until, at 16 she became a Catholic. After that she attended Catholic schools. She graduated from a diploma nursing school in Brooklyn, worked there and in upstate New York, earned her Bachelors degree at Co-

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By Clara-Rae Gens[...]

lumbia University Teachers C[...] earned her Masters in 1971 a[...] where she fell in love with [...] cases. Se talked them into te[...] cardiac case nursing, then got [...] it. She was certified, and tau[...] Providence and Merit. She [...] two months less than ten y[...] teaching when she resigned. "S[...] changes." and she adds, "I hav[...] doing my own thing since then[...]

She met her husband when [...] doing research with the Runio[...] cer Research fund.

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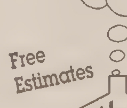
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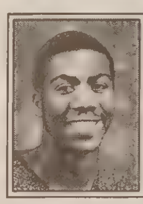
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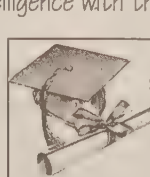
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2210
The Name of the Business: Kensington Bistro, 1568 Oak View Ave, Kensington, CA 94706.
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Kayhan Ghodsi, Margaret Ghodsi, 435 Berkeley Park Blvd, Kensington, CA 94706
This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on March 30, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 30, 1999.
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2371
The Name of the Business: 1) Uplifting 2) Uplifting Records 3) Selah Publishing 4) DeeKay Productions
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Andre Ferrellt Nibbs, 634 SO 33rd Street, Richmond, CA 94804
94706.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 5, 1999 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 5, 1999
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2439
The Name of the Business Contra Costa Ballet Centre, 2040 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Richard L. Mammachk, Zola Pishong cammack, 3303 Whitehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 7, 1999 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1999
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2815
The Name of the Business: The Antique Alexander Company, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA. 94596.
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Thomas L. Alexander, Phyllis L. Alexander, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 21, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 21, 1999
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2761
The Name of the Business Reem Pharmacy, 11100 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito CA 94530
Is Hereby registered to the following owners.
Shalim Tatar, Akram Tatar, 881 Shevlin Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by a.......
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 20, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 20, 1999.
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2673
The Name of the Business Key Player Music Productions 2606 Vale Rd, San Pablo, CA 94806.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Jason Scott Myers, 2606 Vale Rd., San Pablo, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999.
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2385
The Name of the Business. Brenda Gail Collage For Kindred Spirits, 1309 Norvell St, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Brenda Gail Frantz, 1309 Norvell St, El Cerrito, CA. 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 06, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 06, 1999.
The Journal April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2531
The Name of the Business Proclean Janitorial Service, 1700 Rheem Ave., Richmond, CA 94801
Also P O Box 2749 Richmond CA 94801 Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Maxiano Espinal, 1700 Rheem Ave., Richmond, CA. 94801.
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 12, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 12, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2349
The Name of the Business: Jimenez Janitorial Services, 1821 Market Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Pedro Jimenez, 1821 Market Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 05, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 5, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2392
The Name of the Business: ZZ Tops Upholstery, carpet and Repair 3915 Delta Fair Blvd #D30, Antioch, CA 94509
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Steve Stephenson, 3915 Delta Fair Blvd #D30, Antioch, CA/ 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 06 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 6, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2487
The Name of the Business: Y2 Page, 2921 Wildflower Drive, Antioch, CA. 94509.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Amin Denny, 2921 Wildflower Drive, Antioch, CA 94509
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 09, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2461
The Name of the Business: Best Wishes of Brentwood, 467 Apple Hill Drive, Brentwood, CA 94513.
Is Hereby registered to the following owners.
Anne M.Powers, John J. Power, 467 Apple Hill Dr., Brentwood, CA. 94513.
This business is conducted by a husband and wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 08, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 08, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2507
The Name of the Business: Ink, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 236, El cerrito, Ca. 94530
Is Hereby registered to the following owners.
Kris Guerin, Brian Wood, 519 Tewksbury Lower Unit, Richmond CA 94801
This business is conducted by a husband and wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 09, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 09, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2508
The Name of the Business: Aurora Internet, 2500 Old Crow Canyon Rd. Suite 529, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Aurorasoft, Inc., state of Incorporation California, Danville, 94526.
This business is conducted by a a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 09, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 09, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2587
The Name of the Business Webtutor, Web Tutor, Queen Webtutor, 445 37th St., Richmond, CA. 94805.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Soula Culver, 445 37th St., Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 13, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 13, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2496
The Name of the Business: Mirage Auto Body Inc., 2241 Monument Blvd, #N Concord, CA 94520
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Mirage Auto Body, Inc. state of corporation, California.
This business is conducted by a corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 09, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 09, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2685
The Name of the Business: Rafael Associates, 61 Moraga Way, Suite 7, Orinda, CA 94563.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Stephen Rafael Turrini, 5 Vida Descansada, Orinda, CA. 94563.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2653
The Name of the Business Seventh Wave Coaching, 17 Southwind Circle, Richmond, CA 94804.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Lorilee Mazan, 17 Southwind Circle, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 15, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1999
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2698
The Name of the Business: Cactus Cafe, 1390 Willow Pass #110, Concord, CA 94520
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Shin Ja Kim, 4256 Fran Way, Richmond, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2702
The Name of the Business Ridgeline Framing Contractor, P.O. Box 598 Lafayette, CA. 94549.
Also, 1407 Blvd Way, Walnut Creek, CA. 94595.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Rich L Eberhardt, 1407 Blvd Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No 98-9708496-C Loan No 9708496 Title Order No 7103180 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/22/1994 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty expressed or implied regarding title possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below The amount may be greater on the day of sale TRUSTOR MOHAMMED Z KHAN AND SOFIA A KHAN HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Recorded 03/17/1994 as Instrument No 94 075411 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, California, Date of Sale 05/27/1999 at 11 00 AM Place of Sale AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 725 COURT STREET (CORNER OF MAIN AND COURT STREET), MARTINEZ, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges $88,672 18 Street Address or other common designation of real property 212 SOUTH 37TH STREET RICHMOND, CA 94804 APN # 513-061-003 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale Date April 27, 1999 GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 4101 Wiseman Boulevard T6F1 San Antonio, Texas 78251 Telephone Number (210) 543-4998 Sale Status Line (916) 387-7728 Nett Sanders, Assistant Secretary ASAP356598 05/06, 05/13, 05/20
The El Cerrito Journal May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 19990053400419 Loan No. 3975414 FHA/VA/MI No: 042-6981695 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/12/1995 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06/03/1999 at 11:00 AM, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 09/21/1995, as Instrument No. 95 157883, in book --, page --, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California. Executed by Errol T Washington Sr., a married man as his sole and separate property will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN # 538-231-033-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 203 7th Street Richmond California 94801 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $133,653.90. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Lonestar Mortgagee Services, LLC, as Trustee, Bruce Cocklin, Authorized Signature, Address: 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas, 75001, For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728, Date: 05/10/1999 LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP356448 5/13, 5/20, 5/27
The El Cerrito Journal May 13, 20, 27, 1999.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 19990053400303 Loan No. 5243398 FHA/VA/MI No: 042-7094391 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/05/1996 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06/03/1999 at 11:00 AM, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/18/1996, as Instrument No. 96 216252, in book --, page --, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California. Executed by African American Development Association, a Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check/cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN # 534-031-007 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 840 8th Street Richmond California 94801 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $119,223.94. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Lonestar Mortgagee Services, LLC, as Trustee, Bruce Cocklin, Authorized Signature, Address: 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas, 75001, For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728, Date: 05/07/1999 LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP355681 05/13, 05/20, 05/27
The El Cerrito Journal May 13, 20, 27, 1999.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 301347 Loan No. 0813486271 Title Order No. 19506614
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED AUGUST 29, 1991. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER
On May 27, 1999, at 10:00am California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on September 19, 1991, Instrument 91-190156, Book 16877, Page 954 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, executed by Robert Y Moore Jr, an unmarried man, as trustor, Great Western Bank, A Federal Savings Bank, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant the Deed of Trust The sale will be made but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below the amount may be greater on the day of sale
Place of Sale At the Court Street entrance to the County Court house, 725 Court Street (corner of Main & Court Street) Martinez, CA Legal Description As more fully described on the Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges $83,475.73 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property 242 Park Lane, Richmond, CA 94806 APN 426-191-057-6
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein The property heretofore described is being sold "as is" Date 5/3/99 California Reconveyance Company, 9301 Corbin Avenue - N 03 02 04 Northridge, CA 91324 (916) 387-7728 Deborah Brignac, Vice President
Pub 05/06/99, 05/13/99, 05/20/99
CNS1709707
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2630
The Name of the Business: Glass Distinction, 3161 Stanley Blvd., Lafayette, Ca. 94549
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
Michael N. Nixon, 3161 Stanley Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 14, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1999.
The Journal May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999.

NOTICE OF FIRST AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM FUNCHES CASE NO. P99-00498

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: WILLIAM FUNCHES
A FIRST AMENDED PETITION has been filed by ALEX GAYLOR in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa.
THE FIRST AMENDED PETITION requests that ALEX GAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE FIRST AMENDED PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 7, 1999 at 11:00 A.M. in Dept. 37 Room B001 located at 625 Court Street Martinez CA 94553.
IF YOU OBJECT TO the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Roy D. King
King, King & King
1122 E. 14th Street
San Leandro CA 94577
CNS1711426
05/13, 05/20, 05/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2867
The Name of the Business: Danville Medical Properties, 240 Tim Ct., Danville, CA 94526
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
James S Topic, 240 Tim Ct, Danville, CA 94526
Donald McKean, Elizabeth McKean, 903 San Ramon Valley, Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.
Terry L Powell, 240 Tim Ct, Danville, CA 94526
Joseph H Silno, 903 San Roman Valley Blvd, #122, Danville, CA 94526
Ron Roamer, Shiela Roamer, 130 Bonds Ct, Alamo, CA 94507
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 23, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2860
The Name of the Business: SR Motorsports, 320 Fairview Ave., Brentwood, CA 94513
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Ray Lochhead, 320 Fairview Ave., Brentwood, CA. 94513
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 23, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2845
The Name of the Business: A Life on Purpose, 420 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Therese Angel 420 Colusa Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 22, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 99-2664
The Name of the Business: KK Press, 1630 North Main Street, Suite 189, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Barbara Godette, 1441 Detroit Ave., #235, concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 15, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1999.
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2684
The Name of the Business. 1) The Channel; 2) Channel Productions, 3927 MacDonald Ave, Richmond CA 94805
Mailing Address; P.O Box 70453 Richmond, CA 94807
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Deirdre Cerkanowicz, 138 Garrard Blvd., Richmond, CA 94801
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999.
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2862
The Name of the Business 1) Bay City Mortgage 2) Raena Lynn and Associates 352 & 365 Village Square, Orinda, CA 94563
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
RL enterprises, Inc, incorporated in the state of California.
This business is conducted by a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 23, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2885
The Name of the Business: Pigsear Professional Services, 6171 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94805
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
John R Murgia Jr, 6171 McBryde Ave., Richmond, CA 94905.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 26, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2907
The Name of the Business: Partners of Distinction, Inc., 6100 Rose Arbor St., San Pablo CA 94806
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Partners of Distinction Inc 6100 Rose Arbor St San Pablo CA 94806
Albert Munn 3275 Morcom Ave., Oakland, CA 94619
This business is conducted by a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 26, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1999
The Journal May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 1999

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2904
The Name of the Business. Sierra Towing, 1831 Toyon Drive, Concord, CA 94520
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Randy Hammack Sr., Deborah Hammack, 1831 Toyon Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 26, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2970
The Name of the Business: 1) K-Lou Records; 2) K-Lou Studio, 12736 San Pablo, Richmond, CA 94805
Mailing address P O Box 5134 Richmond, CA 94805
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Kenneth D Franklin, 1933 Orchard View Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 28, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1999.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3060
The Name of the Business: Just Us Painting, 1702 Calif Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Garry Eric Lovell, 1702 Cal Ave., San Pablo, CA 94806
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on May 3, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 3, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3132
The Name of the Business: Wired Hosting, 9936 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Jason Samuel Levine, Jeremy Meidberg, 9936 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583
This business is conducted by Co-partners
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on May 5, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3105
The Name of the Business: Executive Family Records, 56 West Nevin Ave., Richmond, CA 94801
Is Hereby registered to the following owner.
John C. Island Jr., 56 West Nevin Ave Richmond CA 94801 This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on May 4 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 4, 1999
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No 99 F0444-CH Loan No 73149 APN 534 271-036 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/23/97 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER [illegible] Professional Lenders Alliance, LLC as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/31/97 as Instrument No 97 0255630 00 in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA, State of California Executed by CLAUDELL STEPHENS AND ETHEL JOHNSON STEPHENS [illegible] AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings [illegible] and authorized to do business in this state) AT AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY [illegible] MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said county and state described in said deed of trust The property heretofore described is being sold "as is" The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 519 3RD STREET RICHMOND, CA 94801 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the [illegible] common designation, if any, shown herein Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said notes(s), advances, if any under the terms of said Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit, estimated to be $63,265 59 Date 05/17/99 Professional Lenders Alliance, LLC, 5 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 1050 Santa Ana, California 92707, (714) 432 9000 Ext 215. Stephanie Pacheco, NPP62393 PUB [illegible] 06/03/99
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2620
The Name of the Business Little Darlings, 1236 Detroit Ave #12, Concord, CA 94520
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Joreen Kate Hansen 1236 Detroit Ave. #12, Concord, CA 94520
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 14, 1999.
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3046
The Name of the Businesses:
1) Mail Plus Business Service Center
2) UPS Authorized Shipping outlet Mail Plus.
3) A Plus Paging and Wireless
4) Pager Plus
5) Cynthia R Nicora- Cowen Traveling Notary Public, Fingerprinting, and Passport Photo Service.
6) Mail Plus PMB
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
James P Cowen, Cynthia Cowen, 5317 Ridgeview Circle, El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by a husband and wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on May 3, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 3, 1999.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2931
The Name of the Businesses:
1) The Laser Printer Team; 2) Laser Printer Team; 3) Computer Independent Dealer, 2036 Camino Ramon Place, Danville, CA 94526.
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Thomas Andrew Pintacsi, 2036 Camino Ramon Place, Danville CA 94526
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 27, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27 1999
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Notice of Trustee's Sale Trustee Sale No 98-KK2525-A Title Order No 305539 Reference No - APN No - YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 12/17/98 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 06/03/99 at 12:30 PM Allied Trustee Services, Inc as the duly appointed Trustee and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, Recorded on 12/22/98 as Document No. 98449029 Book – Page – Of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, property owned by Russell E Cook, a married man. Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At The Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA all right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein. APN 066-2762-412 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 555 Pierce Street, #1137 Albany, CA 94706 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made but without covenant or warranty expressed or implied regarding title possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice advances, if any estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: [illegible] Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The claimant, Gateview Homeowners' Association, Inc. under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Allied Trustee Services, Inc., 2270 Douglas Boulevard Suite 112 Roseville CA 95661, (800) 220-5454 Kathleen E Kurtz, Trustee's Sale Officer Date 05/05/99 ASAP357424 5/13, 5/20 5/27
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2704
The Name of the Business: How to Cruise Free com, 216 Regency Ct, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Sandra Holloway, 216 Regency Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 16, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2915
The Name of the Business J P's Communications, 162 Carriage Lane, Pacheco CA 94553
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
John P Maraccini, 162 Carriage Lane, Pacheco CA 94553
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on 1998
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 26, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2652
The Name of the Business Bintou Hair Braiding, 844 37th Street, Richmond, CA 94805
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Diarra Bintou, 844 37th Street, Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 15, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2719
The Name of the Business Fantasia Toys & Collectibles, 1023 Alta Mesa, Moraga, CA 94556
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Felix Lu, 1023 Alta Mesa, Moraga, CA 94556
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 19, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 19, 1999
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 970600-A Loan No. 2679469 Title Order No. 2654669-02 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED [illegible] UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property known as [illegible] Gaynor Avenue Richmond, CA [illegible] Assessor's Parcel Number [illegible] will be sold at public auction at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse 725 Court Street (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA on [illegible] at 10:00am, to the highest bidder at the same of sale for cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association savings association or savings bank specified in Financial Code section 5102 and authorized to do business in California. The property heretofore is being sold "as is". The sale will be made without covenant or warranty expressed or implied regarding title possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Susana Minor surviving Joint Tenant, as trustor Recorded on 12/19/94 instrument 94 296931 Book Page of the Official Records of Contra Costa County, California. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of the initial publication of this notice is $92,882.58 (Estimated) which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonably estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date 5/14/99 Windsor Management Company 350 South Grand Avenue, 47th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071, as Trustee. For Sales Information Call (916) 387 7728 Patricia Requestas Lambengco Trustee's Sale Officer ASAP358449 5/20, 5/27 6/3
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2743
The Name of the Business:
Romalea Marine Electronics
550 W. Cutting Blvd , Richmond, CA 94804
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Marine Intergrated Electrical and Electronics L.L.C., California
This business is conducted by an Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 19, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 19, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2560
The Name of the Business:
Victoria's Garden, 1518 14th Street, Antoich, CA 94509
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Victoria R Biskuer, 4058 Pomona Place, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 12, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 12, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2878
The Name of the Business
Choles & Checks, 74 Ravenswood Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Suzan M. Alsup, 74 Ravenswood Ct., Oakley, CA 94561
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 23, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2811
The Name of the Business
Richard G Design, 1641 Canyonwood Ct #4, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Richard Guy Wilson, 1641 Canyonwood #4, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 21, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 21, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2892
The Name of the Business:
G M G Enterprises, 1429 Aster Drive, Antioch, CA 94509
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
George M. Gaddy, 1429 Aster Drive, Antoich, CA 94509
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 28, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2757
The Name of the Business:
Evergreen Pet Clinic, 109 San Pablo Town Center, San Pablo, CA 94806
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Jui-Hung Hung, 142 Sequoia Rd., Hercules, CA 94547
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 20, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 20, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2920
The Name of the Business:
Back To Eden, 99 North Rancho Place, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Ruth M. Sudul, 99 N. Rancho Place, El Sobrante, CA. 94803
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 27, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27, 1999
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. G310097 Unit Code: G Loan No: 0080001588/ROBERTSON AP No: 414-063-015-5
CALMCO SERVICING L.P. FKA CALMCO INC., as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: PHYLLIS M. ROBERTSON Recorded March 26, 1992 as Instr No. 92-71374 in Book 17347 Page 409 & 410 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded February 4, 1999 as Instr No 99-31042 in Book ... Page ... of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MARCH 23, 1992. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 3160 FAIRMEAD DRIVE RICHMOND, CA 94806 (If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness). Said Sale of property will be made in as is condition without convenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JUNE 9, 1999, AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF 737 ARNOLD DRIVE MARTINEZ, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is $74,756.00 It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. Date: May 10, 1999 CALMCO SERVICING L.P. FKA CALMCO INC. as said Trustee, by T.D. Service Company, as agent FRANCES DEPALMA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1700 E FOURTH ST, SUITE 800, PO BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 714/543-8372 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: 714/480-5630 TAD# 4576820 PUB. 5/20/99, 5/27/99, 6/03/99

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST TS # 1733-MS Loan 10146632 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/26/1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06/10/1999 at 10:00 A.M. The Law Offices of Ronald G. Holbert, 22837 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on June 5, 1998, as Instrument # 98-027808 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California and Executed by Nikki L. Martin, an unmarried woman as Trustors, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash or cashier's check made payable to the Law Offices of Ronald G. Holbert, (payable at the time of sale and in accordance with Section 2924(b) of the California Civil Code, and acceptable to the Trustee) at the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street (corner Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California. The street address of other common designation, if any, of the real property described herein is purported to be: 122 Marina Way, Richmond, CA 94801. As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. Property is being sold "as is, where is". APN #540-250-019-2. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid balance of the obligation, including interest, advances, and all other charges secured by said property. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by said property and reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice is $55,305.31 Law Offices of Ronald G. Holbert, 22837 Ventura Blvd., Suite 201, Woodland Hills, CA 91364 (916) 387-7728, Ronald G. Holbert, Attorney. Dated 05/11/1999 ASAP#58058 05/20, 05/27, 06/03

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 19980073500745 Loan No 3014502355 FHA/VA/MI No. 16535563O7
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1995. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On June 10, 1999 at 11:00, Lonestar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded October 12, 1995, as Instrument No. 95 172128, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California Executed by Francies Webb, an unmarried woman Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, (corner of Main and Court Street), Martinez, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 550-191-019-3. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3331,333 & 335 S. 6TH ST, RICHMOND, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $110,758.21 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: May 10, 1999 Lonestar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., as Trustee Dayatra Green, Authorized Signature Lonestar Mortgage Services, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001 For Trustee's Sale Information please call 916-387-7728 Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose Pub. 05/20/99, 05/27/99, 06/03/99 ONS7171939

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TS No.: 19979077401535 Loan No.: 0007633605 FHA/VA/MI No: 042-638381-3 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/16/87. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 10, 1999 at 10:00 AM, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/05/87, as Instrument No. 87 215029, in book 13943, page 43, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, State of California Executed by CHARLES J WRIGHT, AND KAREN M WRIGHT, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL AT 1666 NORTH MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 550-191-019-3. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3331,333 & 335 S. 6TH ST, RICHMOND, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $52,282.47. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 05/13/99, Lonestar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as Trustee, BRUCE COCKLIN, Authorized Signature, FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 974-6099, 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0062888, 05/20/99, 05/27/99, 06/03/99

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3013
The Name of the Business:
E & M Outdoor Enterprises, 4545 Grothman Lane, P.O Box 2802, Martinez, CA 94553
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Michael Paul Gery, 4545 Grothman Lane, Martinez, CA 94553
Eric A. Meyer, 6406 West 81st Street, Westchester 90045
This business is conducted by Co-partners
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 30, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2825
The Name of the Business
More African-American Traditions, 1502 Partridge Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Alice A Benton, 1502 Partridge Drive, Hercules, CA 94547
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 27, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 21, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-3006
The Name of the Business:
1) Davis Website Designs 2) Davis Website Solutions 3) Ms Deborah's Daycare, 4547 Fran Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803
Is Hereby registered to the following owner
Deborah Lynne Davis, 4547 Fran Way, E; Sobrante, CA 94803
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on April 29, 1999
This Statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 27, 1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No 99-2950
The Name of the Business:
D & F Enterprises, 350 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565
Is Hereby registered to the following owners
Neal E. Fouts, Retha P. Diaz, 350 Avalon Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565
This business is conducted by an Individual
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The Name of the Business:
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Is Hereby registered to the following owner
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This business is conducted by a husband and wife
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Pharmacists held in drug sting

By Sonia Giordani

Drug enforcement agents have arrested two East Bay pharmacists and a drug store manager on suspicion of selling millions of pseudoephedrine tablets while knowing the pills would be used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine.

Robert Leroy Masse, 66, of Hercules appeared in federal court in Oakland on Monday on four counts of distributing more than 3 million pseudoephedrine tablets over the past two years from Don's Pharmacy in Richmond, which he owns, authorities said.

In Berkeley, Jan Tse Chin, 42, of San Leandro and Linda Toy Hooi, 33, of Danville also were arrested Friday on suspicion of distributing nearly 9 million tablets of pseudoephedrine from Blue Heaven Owl Rexall Drugs. Authorities said that is enough to make more than 800 pounds of the street drug known as "crank."

The two pharmacies were the first in the Bay Area to be targeted by agents cracking down on the bulk sale of non-prescription drugs especially pseudoephedrine that are commonly used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine.

Policy makers and drug agents have worked for years to draft and enforce legislation to more effectively control the sale of precursor chemicals used to make meth.

"There are some pharmacies and chemical companies diverting unreasonable amounts of the over-the-counter drugs to illegal drug manufacturers," said David Tresmontan, special agent in charge with the state Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. "This should put them on notice that they must follow the letter of the law."

For years, crank "cooks" could buy large drums of ephedrine that could easily be mixed with other chemicals to make their product. With new state and federal laws, pure ephedrine became more difficult to buy, pushing meth makers to buy up boxes of cold and allergy medications containing smaller amounts of pseudoephedrine so they could extract the key ingredient, said Steve Mister, assistant general counsel for the Consumer Healthcare Products Association.

Lately, most large, non-prescription drug makers have stopped distributing pseudoephedrine in large drums in response to law enforcement pleas, said Mister. They now produce cold and allergy medications with less than 3 grams of the substance, packaged in slow-to-open blister packs.

Chris Woo, president of the California Pharmacists Association, said a small pharmacy typically could not sell more than 200,000 pseudoephedrine tablets in a year —just over 2 percent of the amount allegedly sold by the Berkeley pharmacy.

Woo said pharmacies must report their transactions to government agencies. Still, he said, some customers looking to buy such non-prescription drugs for meth making ten go to more than one pharmacy or chemical distributor to avoid notice.

George Driscoll, commander of the West Contra Costa Narcotics Enforcement Team, said most of the region's pharmacies follow regulations laws that require them to report much of certain precursor substances they sell, and to whom.

But some businesses are willing to buck the law, he said.

"We're concerned with folks who know they're selling it to make meth," said Driscoll. "They know they can make large amounts of money."

The U.S. Attorney's office said Monday the pharmacist for Berkeley Blue Heaven drug store sold cases of the tablets "at highly inflated prices payable in cash" to a state undercover drug agent who posed openly as a meth maker.

Federal agents also alleged that the drug store's bookkeeper made cash deposits to her personal bank account and the business account in amounts below $10,000 to avoid reporting currency transaction reports. Such reports are intended to track the movement of large sums of money and often alert law enforcement to potential criminal activity.

In Richmond, police also arrested 14 people on suspicion of buying large quantities of the precursor along with the intent to manufacture meth. They face state drug charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

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1999 Mazda Protege worth a second look

Consumer Reports rates ride 'best small sedan with strong performance'

Motor Matters

By Arnold Wechter

"We won't try to kid you and claim that it's a sports sedan. It isn't. But is is fun to drive..."

They may run us out of the automotive writers' fraternity for what we are about to write, but it is the truth! We found the Mazda Protege fun to drive.

Small compact cars are expected to be practical and fuel efficient. But fun? No way!

Don't be so sure.

Around town the Protege is fuel efficient and practical. The fun part comes on the highway. Suddenly you're able to keep up with the crowd and on twisty mountain roads it is capable.

We learned of its abilities during a 35-mile ride to the airport partially over a miserable mountain highway that was jammed with commuters. The Protege was able to keep up with the traffic in the fast lane at speeds far above the law, even on sharp curves.

We won't try to kid you and claim that it is a sports sedan. It isn't. But it is fun to drive and we enjoyed are week behind the wheel. Marion agreed the car was fuel efficient and practical, but not getting any time on the highway she reserved her judgment on the fun to drive.

Our opinion is supported by the latest edition of Consumer Reports' annual auto issue. It rates the Protege as the best small sedan and calls it "roomy, refined with strong performance."

Three trim levels are available on the all-new '99 Protege. DX, LX and ES. Both the DX and LX models area equipped with a new 1.6-liter DOHC, four-cylinder engine, while the sportier ES features a new 1.8-liter DOHC four-cylinder engine. Our test car was the LX version with the smaller engine and we were impressed with its performance.

Fuel economy was good. We averaged 32.3 mpg in combined highway and city driving. The EPA rating is 29 mpg city and 34 mpg highway.



MAZDA

THE 1999 MAZDA PROTEGE boasts good ratings and clean lines.

A 5-speed manual transmission is standard and that is how the test car was equipped. We prefer a manual transmission in a small car because an automatic usually robs the small engine of too much power. Normally we recommend an automatic if most of the driving is going to be around town and in heavy commute traffic.

Strangely enough, we didn't mind shifting during our ride to the airport. Only on the steeper part of the road did we shift down. The manual transmission proved to be a smooth unit in all conditions.

All Protege models come with a long list of standard features, including power rack-and-pinion steering, power front ventilated front disc and rear drum brakes, front and rear stabilizer bars, rear heater ducts, body-color bumpers, intermittent wipers, 60/40 split fold-down seatbacks, tilt steering wheel and adjustable front seat shoulder belt anchors.

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Spring clean that machine

Rolling Homes

By Jeff Johnston



Jeff Johnston

Most of these rules harken back to high school, when caring for an automobile first became important.

Spring cleaning around the house is a yearly tradition for many families. Likewise, many RVers perform a series of spring cleanup and preparation rituals to get their motorhomes, trailers, and truck campers ready for the 1999 camping season.

Most of these steps follow basic common sense rules, the sort of things you learned to do in high school when caring for an automobile first became important. But some relate specifically to an RV's plumbing and electrical systems, along with the various materials that make up the vehicle's exterior and interior surfaces.

Clean away the crud and critters

First off, start with a thorough cleaning, both inside and out. This is especially true if the RV was stored outside all winter. Wash the exterior, clean the crud from the tires and get the storage-lot dust out of the rig's system. Most such cleaning can be accomplished with ordinary automotive soap, or soap/wax combinations, but better to follow up with a coat of heavy-duty wax rather than trust an all-in-one blend. Remember, flat front ends gather a lot of bugs. An application of a quality Teflon-based wax will make it a lot easier to clean.

Rubber needs special cleaners

Although the EPDM rubber roof, which is very popular on many of today's RVs, was designed to eliminate the problem of the gray or black streaks on RV sidewalls caused by oxidizing aluminum roofs, the rubber also produces streaks. They are somewhat easier to remove, but still take some elbow grease to finish the job.

If you opt to clean the roof itself, which isn't a bad idea as long as your rig's roof structure can support your weight, use one of the cleaners designed specifically for an EPDM rubber roof.

Because the roof is a rubber membrane, it can be susceptible to damage if a cleaner or protectant containing a petroleum-based chemical is used to excess. Use one of the waxes or sealers available from your local RV dealer, or follow the recommendations in your owner's manual.



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Nix pests

Next, inspect and service the exterior system hardware. Start by cleaning the battery(ies) with a mild baking soda and water solution to eliminate acid residue, and clean the terminals and wire clamps before reinstalling the batteries. Charge them using an automotive trickle charger to make sure they're fresh for the start of the season.

> "Bees seem to find RV nooks and openings particularly attractive, so keep your eyes open for mud or paper nests that may be obstructing any orifices."

Pay close attention to the propane burner orifices in the water heater and refrigerator. These are relatively exposed to the outside, compared to the well-protected burner in a furnace, and they're favorite places for spiders to live and build their nests.

This is a good opportunity to clean them out anyway. Use a small-bristle brush and vacuum cleaner to remove any webs, and clean any carbon buildup from the burner parts to help ensure clean combustion.

Bees, likewise, seem to find RV nooks and openings particularly attractive, so keep your eyes open for mud or paper nests that may be obstructing any orifices. Mice also like to winter-over inside RV enclosures. Pull drawers out and check for signs of mouse nests inside cabinets, and use a vacuum to eliminate any debris.

Remove must and mildew

Vacuum and wash the entire interior to help get rid of that musty winter smell. A liberal application of a disinfectant cleaner can do wonders for the smell. If your fresh water tank has taken on an odor, completely fill it with fresh water plus about 1/2 cup of bleach per 20 gallons of capacity. Let the mixture sit in the tank overnight, drain it, refill with fresh water and drain again. The bleach disinfects the tank, killing the bacteria that cause odors, to say nothing of the bacteria that simply aren't good for you. If desired, to further clean and deodorize the fresh water tank, fill the tank and add some water with baking soda blended in — about a cup of baking soda per 20 gallons — and let it stand overnight before draining.

Finally, it stands to reason that if your RV is a motorhome, you should do a complete engine service job on the coach. Change oil, plus the air and fuel filters. Closely inspect the hoses and belts, and replace if defective. Doing a radiator flush and filling with fresh antifreeze and distilled water will also help ensure the engine is ready for the season. Lube all ball joints, tie rod ends and other moving parts, as well.

A little care ahead of time will help make sure your rig is in good shape and ready for an exciting RV season ahead.

Meet your safety equipmen

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage



Denise McLuggage

If it doesn't say ABS, it may not stop in a straight line...

"What are these three little buttons over the window by the driver's head?" a recent buyer of a new Range Rover puzzled. "I can't find any mention of them in the owner's manual." The buttons, properly programmed, will open her garage door for one thing. She was pleased to hear that, but annoyed her dealer hadn't explained the features to her.

Maybe you have bought a car after a long absence from the market. Or maybe you frequently rent cars unfamiliar to you. If you are a buyer, of course read the manual (what a concept!) If anything is unclear, ask your dealer for a detailed tour. That's something you should automatically get, anyway. Renters of cars are more on their own. Rare is the rental car with a manual.

Here are two acronyms owners and renters should watch out for when driving a vehicle for the first time.

Daytime Running Lights (DRL)

Dusk is turning into darkness. You know the headlights are on, they always are. You saw them reflected on the car ahead. But maybe the lights seems unduly dim, rather like those on an aging LaSalle. And when you try to flick from dim to bright they do not change. What gives? You have not turned on your regular lights. You are driving by DRL alone. That can be dangerous.

Not all cars have Daytime Running Lights. DRL came out of Scandinavia where even days in winter's gloom are dark. Canada also requires DRL, so that cars are lighted both day and night. In the United States an increasing number of cars have DRL. Several years ago, General Motors, citing safety, put DRL on its cars. Indeed, DRL are now common enough so that hardly anyone gets that "you-left-your-lights-on" flash of headlights from other drivers. But you must be aware of some facts about DRL.

The DRL, somewhat less bright than your "real" headlights (to save energy), go on when you start your car. The light is intended to make your car more visible to others, a particularly useful feature on sun-dappled country roads, in the dim light of early morning or late afternoon, and in two-lane passing maneuvers. In most cars, however, the only light that goes on with DRL is the dimmer headlight. Your tail lights do not go on, so you are presenting a dark rear end to cars coming up on you. Not safe. Therefore you must make sure the headlights are switched on, ideally within 30 minutes after sunset. This way, you will not inadvertently drive into darkness with only the DRL functioning. In town or on lighted highways you may be able to see adequately and not realize that you are not properly illuminated all around.

Anti-lock Brake System (ABS)

Increasingly, ABS is standard equipment, but many cars still make this brake system an added-cost option. Despite the prevalence of lock brakes, they are often, ...ally, misused. Or used in such ... that they are never activated.

When you get into a car ... strange to you, check for the ... "ABS" on the instrument ... learn if this car has ABS b... it does not, then remind your... the vehicle will not be as ... ally stable under hard bra... other words, it may not ... straight line.

Hard application of the ... particularly in the wet, could ... that the front wheels lock ... lose their ability to be steered.

To use non-ABS brakes ... put gentle pressure on the brak... just on the threshold of lock... wheels. If you learned to pu... brakes back in driver's ed., d... That's for non-ABS brakes on...

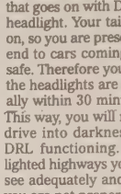
With ABS remember this: ... pump the brakes! Pumping the ... with ABS brakes confuses th... sors and greatly lessens the ... effectiveness.

This is the right way to use ... brakes: Stand on the pedal ... and hard. Keep your foot p... down firmly. (No pumping!) ... the pulsing you feel on the b... of your foot. Ignore any g... sounds. Those are symptoms th... ABS is working. With ABS, hit ... and hold it.

Are your wipers wiped out

Thoughts on the run

By Don Chaikin



Don Chaikin

"As long as you're at the wiper blades, you might as well take the time to inspect them..."

Let's' have a show of hands: Who remembers the last time your windshield wipers were replaced?

Actually, most of you need not replace the wiper "blades." You should only have to change the rubber squeegees, or "blade inserts," that do the work of removing water from the windshield. These are designed to be relatively easily removed and installed because they naturally deteriorate with age and use, losing their effectiveness.

Unfortunately, some carmakers' idea of "easily removed and replaced" means also removing and replacing the metal or plastic wiper blade that holds the insert. Each time you replace the insert, you must replace the blade as well — an expensive proposition with some luxury imports.

The good news is, companies that actually make the wiper blades and inserts for the carmakers also sell them under their own brand names. You should be able to buy a replacement blade assembly for your vehicle that can accept replaceable squeegees.

As long as you're at the wiper blades, you might as well take the time to first carefully inspect them. Check for damage to the blades and the wiper arms (the spring-loaded devices that attach the blades to the car or truck). Be on the lookout for twists, cracks, kinks or bends. Be sure the arm's spring holds the arm and blade down on the glass.

Try to slip a narrow strip of paper (a dollar bill) between the squeegee and the windshield and slide the paper from one end of the blade to the other.

If the tension is uneven and the paper slips in spots, the blade may be bent. Replace any suspect parts. This is most easily done with the wiper away from the windshield. The wipers on many cars will stay in the ... away position. On others you h... hold the arm away from the gl...

If you have a vehicle with ... that "park" behind or under ... of the hood, you must first t... the ignition and then the wipe... the wipers move across the ... shut the ignition, not the wipe... they'll stop midstroke.

Before operating the wipers ... ever, wet the windshield ... wipers aren't moving across ... and dusty windshield to min... the chances of scratching the ...

In any case, when working ... wipers, take care to not let the ... arm snap back hard again... windshield, it may chip the ... there's no blade attached to th...

Understand that there are ... ety of wiper blade lengths. N... do automakers install differen... and size blades, some vehicles ... have different size blades on th... ver's and passenger's side ... windshield.

Be sure to buy the correct ... placement for your needs. Ta... old blades with you when you ... if you're not sure.

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Owner noisy on wind woes

Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato



Junior Damato

Roadster or carriage roof could add to the annoying wind noise you hear...

Dear Doctor: I purchased a new 1997 Cadillac Seville, and have been complaining about excessive noise inside the car while driving on the freeway. This is especially noticeable on windy days. Sorry to say, the dealer is not willing to fix the problem. Can you help? Gerhard

Dear Gerhard: We own a 1996 Seville STS. There is very little wind noise at highway speeds. Have you called the customer assistance toll free number in your manual, or have you tried another Cadillac dealer? There should be very little wind noise from the car. You can even have a local body shop check to make sure the doors are closing tight, as well as check the door rubber seals. You did not mention if your Seville had a roadster or carriage roof added. If it has, the car will never be quiet. There will always be some noise from the outside mirrors.

Grabby brakes

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Chrysler LeBaron with 28,000 miles. Recently, the brakes started grabbing before releasing. This does not affect the braking of the car. I had my LeBaron checked by two different shops. They could not find the problem. Have you ever heard of this? Mildred

Dear Mildred: The grabbing you are feeling could be the anti-lock brake system. You may want to take the car to the shop and demonstrate the grabbing feeling. If the problem was related to either a shoe or pad, the tire would lock up.

Struts detached?

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that I believe has front end problems. It sounds like one of the struts or something is not attached. I had the struts changed and the noise is still there. David

Dear David: Before anything is replaced, have someone check the sway bar bushings (both inner and outer). There are strut mounts that wear out, too. Loose brake pads and weak anti-rattle clips are also other possibilities.

Temp is up-tempo

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Buick Century. My problem is the temperature gauge goes almost into the red when I go up a hill, or increase speed on the freeway. This happens on both cold and warm days. John

Dear John: To go back to basics, when was the last time the coolant was flushed out, or the thermostat replaced? Has anyone checked to see what the actual coolant temperature is once the engine is fully warm, and is the temperature gauge accurate? Did anyone check the inside of the radiator for blockage? Make sure the coolant fan works properly. All these things need to be checked. If the gauge is accurate, coolant full, thermostat operating, then the problem sounds like a coolant flow problem.

Coolant springs internal

Dear Doctor: I own a 1985 Audi GT with 210,000 kilometers. Over a three week period, the radiator loses a half liter of coolant. There are no leaks anywhere that we can see. I had the water pump and head gasket replaced and still have the problem. The machine shop said there were no cracks in the head. What is my next step? Ron

Dear Ron: There is no foolproof cylinder head pressure test. I have been down this road before on cylinder head problems.

Have the shop check for hydrocarbon in the cooling system at the radiator filler. If there is a sign of hydrocarbon in the cooling system, then there is a leak between the water jacket and combustion chamber.

You can also try a cooling stop-leak from any good auto supplier. Though there are many brands, I use the power or pellet type. This will usually stop minor loss of coolant.

Don't skimp on service

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 BMW 525i with 150,000 miles. Occasionally, I have a hard time starting the engine in both hot and cold weather. It tries to start but it doesn't. The shop checked the computer and spark plugs and found no problem. What do you suggest? June

Dear June: At 150,000 miles, your BMW, like any vehicle, needs a major service check. One very common problem is carbon buildup on the back side of the intake valve. The carbon acts like a sponge and absorbs the gasoline, causing long engine cranking. Another problem is low fuel pressure, and sensors that are just slightly out of value, but not setting a trouble code, that will cause starting problems.

Follow that trouble tree

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Mitsubishi Galant LS with 47,000 miles. For the past six months, when I use 87 octane gas the check engine light will come on. If I switch to 89 octane, the light does not come on. The car passes the state emissions test and seems to run fine. What do you think? Robert

Dear Robert: The first item to check is the computer for stored trouble codes. Next, clear the codes and fill the gas tank with 87 octane. When the light comes back on, take it back to the shop to recheck for trouble codes. Whatever the problem, there will be a trouble tree to follow.

Synthetic oils work just fine

Dear Doctor: I just purchased a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe four-door LT V8. I want to use synthetic oil in the engine, transmission and both front and rear differentials. What is the difference between full synthetic and synthetic blend? Is there a product that used regularly will keep the fuel injectors clean? Bob

Dear Bob: I use full synthetic lubrication in my engine, transmission and final drives. I did get an increase in gas mileage. Full synthetic is a superior lubricant and can be mixed

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Mazda

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switches, AM/FM/CD audio system, power door locks, power mirrors and windows plus adjustable driver's seat height and tilt, and integrated rear seat head rests.

ES buyers receive air conditioning and a keyless entry system along with the larger motor.

If ordering, we'd add the optional anti-lock braking system. It remains, in our opinion, one of the top safety features offered. It isn't a guarantee that you won't have an accident but it ups the odds in your favor.

We also recommend that if your car is equipped with ABS that you take time to practice with it in an empty parking lot. It provides the driver with the ability to steer away from an accident because ABS stops the brakes from locking.

ABS is part of the premium package on both LX and ES models at $1,350.

The test car with the comfort package that consisted of air conditioning and carpeted floor mats. Total price was $14,825 which we considered quite fair.

The engine powering the test car is the first in its class to achieve Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle status in California. It produces 103 bhp EV states and 105 bhp elsewhere. It also puts out 107 ft/lbs of torque at 5500 rpm.

Seventeen additional horses are provided in the larger 1.8-liter engine offered in the ES model Styling is much in the European manner despite its Asian birthplace. The creased, European-inspired styling yields a custom-tailored appearance that is unexpected in the compact ranks.

Input for the styling was also received from Mazda's R&D centers in Irvine and Frankfurt, Germany.

Mazda claims its new "Triple-H" construction creates a unique and extremely strong passenger compartment ensuring optimal protection for the occupants in the event of a side impact or rollover accident.

The first "H" consists of the B-pillar, roof rail and side sill on each side of the car. The second "H" consists of side sills and No. 3 cross member.

Mazda claims the new body is stronger than its predecessor, with 22 percent greater bending rigidity and 12 percent more torsional rigidity.

Other construction features improving safety include side-impact door beams and catch pins on the rear doors that prevent the door from intruding into the cabin in a side impact. There are front and rear crumple zones that absorb front and rear impacts before they reach the cabin.

The front bucket seats are comfortable and offer good support. The rear seat is basically for short trips with adults and for children. The rear seat on all models is split 60/40, with both sides able to fold down to increase the cargo space.

We join with Consumer Reports in saying this is a top-notch 4-door compact sedan. It is fuel efficient, reliable and as a bonus, fun-to-drive.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Type: 4-door sedan
- Base price: $13,130
- As tested: $14,825
- Options on test car: NLEV emissions equipment ($100); LE comfort package including air conditioning and carpet floor mats ($1,145); destination charge ($450)
- Engine: DOHC, 16-valve in-line-four cylinder; transversely mounted, front drive
- Displacement: 1597 cc
- Horsepower: 103 bhp @ 5500 rpm
- Torque: 107 ft.;lbs @ 4000 rpm
- Transmission: 5-speed manual, optional 4-speed automatic
- Steering: engine-speed sensitive, variable assist rack-and-pinion
- Brakes: ventilated 9.3 in. front discs, 7.9 in. rear drums
- Wheelbase: 102.8 in.
- Overall length: 174.0 in.
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- Height: 55.5 in.
- Track, front/rear: 57.9/57.9 in.
- Curb weight: 2,449 lbs.
- Fuel capacity: 13.2 gal.
- EPA rating: 29 mpg city, 34 mpg highway

Welcome to auto science 101, ladies and gents

By Al Haas
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Many women don't know anything about cars and aren't afraid to admit it.

This definitely isn't true of men. Most of the ones I talk to don't know much more about how a car works than women do, but are genetically incapable of admitting it. They would rather stick pins in their eyes than wade into those wimpy waters.

So, we better not bill the following as "A Man's Primer on How a Car Works." Instead, we will dub it "A Woman's Guide to Automotive Fundamentals," and hope that needy males will sneak a peek while the women are out of the room.

It is, after all, worthwhile to have a general idea of how your car works. It could save you money when car mechanics and salesfolk start speaking in tongues. So, let's take a look at some fundamentals, and some costly, techie hardware you may decide you don't need:

■ **How an engine works**: Your car's engine works by admitting a mixture of fuel and air into cylinders, where it is squeezed into a small space by a piston and then exploded. The force of that explosion drives the piston down. That piston moves a connecting rod which, in turn, rotates the crankshaft. That crankshaft rotation is transferred, via the drivetrain, to the wheels that propel the car.

Virtually all car and truck engines are four-cycle. This means the piston must go through four cycles, or strokes, to make power. In the first, or intake stroke, the piston moves downward in the cylinder as the intake valve opens to admit the fuel/air mixture. The piston's downward motion creates a vacuum in the cylinder that sucks in the fuel/air charge.

Then, the piston comes back up on the compression stroke, squeezing the fuel/air into a relatively small space. This compressed fuel/air mixture is then ignited by the spark plug, and the resulting explosion sends the piston down on the power stroke. After the piston reaches the bottom of its travel, the exhaust valve opens and the piston starts back up on the exhaust stroke, forcing the burned gas through the open exhaust valve — and eventually out the tailpipe. Now the piston is at the top of its travel, and ready for another intake stroke.

The compression stroke is a key to engine power because the harder you squeeze that fuel/air mixture, the more power it will produce when it is ignited. The squeeze on that fuel/air charge is expressed as a "compression ratio."

Let's say that at the bottom of the intake stroke, the piston has sucked 10 cubic inches of fuel/air into the cylinder, and that the piston, on the subsequent compression stroke, squeezes that fuel/air into a one-cubic-inch space. Squeezing ten cubic inches of fuel and air into a one-inch space creates a compression ratio of 10-to-1.

So, the higher your engine's compression ratio, the more power you are getting from the same amount of gas. The trade-off is that as the compression ratio gets higher, the engine requires a more expensive, higher-octane gasoline to prevent harmful premature ignition of the fuel.

Your engine probably has four, six or eight cylinders. The more cylinders it has, the smoother and more refined it is. Assuming consistent cylinder size, more cylinders also mean more engine size and power.

The problem with adding cylinders is that it also adds manufacturing cost and complexity.

The intake and exhaust valves in your engine are opened and closed by the lobes on its camshaft(s). Many engines actuate all of the valves with a single camshaft. Others use a dual camshaft setup in which one shaft operates the intake valves, and the other works the exhausts. This division of labor allows for the more efficient design of the cylinder's combustion chamber, and thus produces more power. The flip side is that it adds cost and complexity to the engine.

■ **What your transmission does**: We need transmissions because engines aren't really very compatible with our cars and trucks. Vehicles need a lot of power when they start out, and relatively little once they get going. Engines, on the other hand, produce little power at low speeds, and a lot when they are turning over fast.

Through gear reduction, the automatic or manual transmission allows the engine to turn over much faster at lower speeds, so it can generate much-needed power, then slow down at higher speeds, when less oomph is required. Thus, first gear might let the engine turn over 15 times for each time the drive wheels turn, while top gear may only require three engine revolutions.

■ **How your brakes work**: Your brakes are actuated by a hydraulic/mechanical system. When you press on the brake pedal, you exert pressure on the hydraulic fluid in the master cylinder. That fluid pressure is transmitted through hydraulic lines to a cylinder at each wheel called, logically enough, a wheel cylinder. That pressure then allows the cylinder to actuate the brake at that wheel.

That cylinder operates a disc or drum-type brake. A disc brake consists of a disc, or rotor, and a caliper. The disc turns with the wheel, and the caliper squeezes it when you apply the brakes, thus slowing the vehicle. To get an idea of how it works, turn your kid's wagon upside down, and spin one of the wheels. Then, cup your hand and squeeze the wheel.

In the case of drum brakes, the wheel cylinder activates two semicircular brake shoes, which expand against the inside of a drum that turns with the wheel.

Disc brakes work better than drum brakes, but are more expensive to manufacture. Thus, up-market cars will typically have discs on all four wheels, while the cheaper ones will have discs up front (where most of the braking is accomplished) and drums in the rear.

Pickups, minivans and sport utilities almost always use the disc/drum tandem.

NEXT WEEK: Engines, superchargers, timing and steering

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petroleum-based oil. Synthetic blend is a mixture of synthetic and petroleum. I recommend full synthetic or petrol-based oil.

For fuel injection cleaners, there are many on the market that claim to maintain injectors clean. Keep in mind that only mild solution products can be put in the gas tank without damaging the protective coating. I sell Techron at my shop and it seems to help keep injectors clean.

What's with the choke?

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1985 Buick LeSabre with a 5.0-liter Y engine with 89,000 miles. After the engine warms up and I come to a stop, the oil/choke light comes on until I start to move. The engine has plenty of power. Is this a problem? Anthony

Dear Anthony: Your problem is either low idle speed, or low oil pressure. I see a fair amount of these 307 cid engines with low oil pressure problems from worn rods and main bearings. The oil light will come on between seven and 13 pounds of oil pressure. Have the shop hook up their oil pressure gauge.

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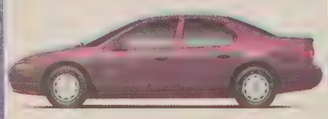


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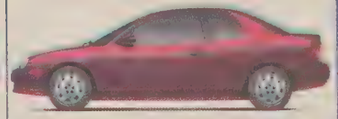
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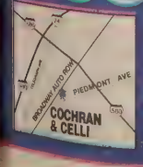
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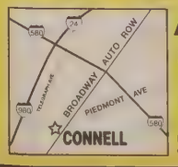
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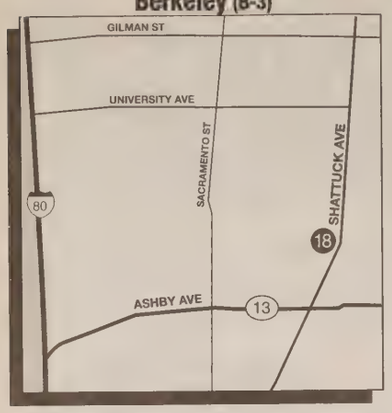
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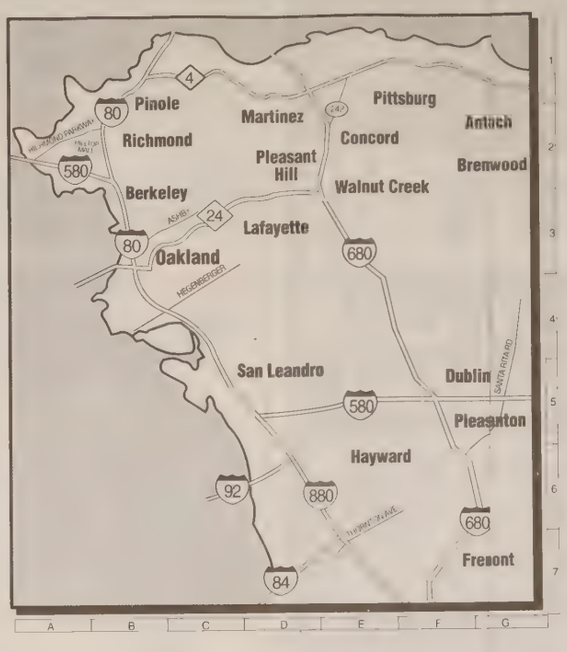
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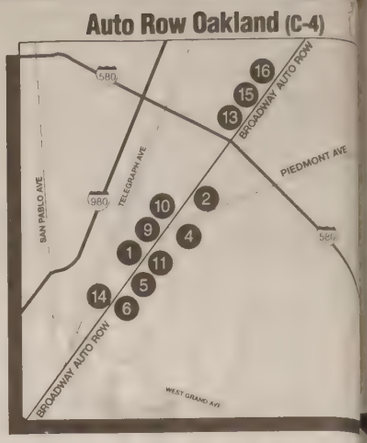
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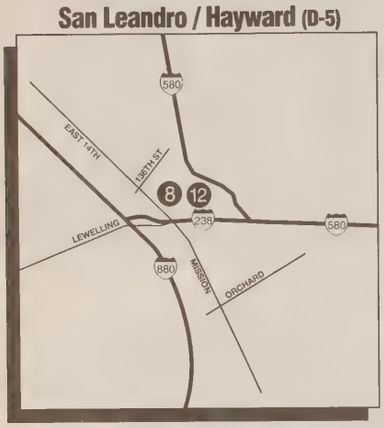




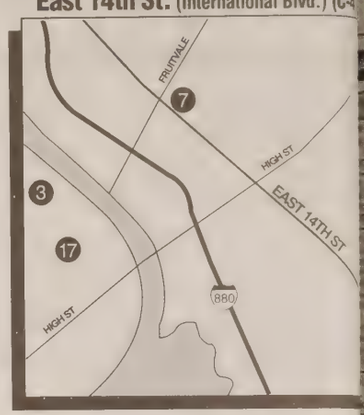
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Autos

1989 318i, sunroof, cruise, tilt, stereo, new tires. Vin#769652 925-634-8489

1987 325i convertible, black top. Nice body/ tires. 190k miles $10,547-2152

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BLAC 1976 Seville, original miles, clean, maintained, garaged, runs, $5,000. Serious offers only! 982-4844

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CHROLET 1995 Jimmy, 4WD, 46K, loaded, excellent condition GMC service plan. $16,500 252-0111

FORD 1996 2500 EXT V8, AUTO, AT, PS, PL, PW, AM/FM stereo clean, ABS #462850 **WAS: $20,995 SALE: $13,888** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Superstore 510-638-4000**

CHEVROLER 1996 TOWN & COUNTRY #271215, LX, Only $14,995 Used Car Superstore 1-800-830-5311

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1991 Civic XL, very low mileage, $7,000 510-527-5164

1998 Accord LX, V6, Automatic, Security system, 4-cyl engine, 7,250 Miles, Remote Entry $19,575 Perfect 415-885-8701

101 Autos

HONDA 1996 ACCORD EX AT, PS, AC, PL, PW, AM/FM cass, CC, tilt, sunroof, leather, ABS STK#463330 **WAS: $16,295- SALE: $12,995** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

HONDA 1988 Civic LX Sedan, 5-sp, AC, excellent condition. All records Must sell $3650/bo 510-763-7866

INFINITY 1997 QX4, fully loaded $24,900 Must see 415-459-5412; 415 609-7516

INTERNATIONAL Harvester 1963 Metro, slant-4, 80k on rebuilt, runs great, cosmetically challenged $2000 510-532-8353

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JAGUAR 1987 XJ6, sunroof, mint in/out, new tires. Will finance Vin#17411. $4900 925 634-8489

JEEP '91 Cherokee Limited, fully loaded, leather, 2-sets wheels, great condition in/out, $9900/ obo 510-769-0304

JEEP 1994 GRAND CHEROKEE #328981, V8, Limited.$16,995 Used Car Superstore 1-800-830-5311

JEEP 1993 GRAND WAGANER #657365, V8, LEATHER, CD.$15,995 Used Car Superstore 1-800-830-5311

MAZDA '91 SUV- Excellent condition, 143K, new clutch, super clean $9K or BO. Call 510-482-1311

MERCEDES '84 Benz, 300 Wagon-TD, diesel, excellent condition, 152K, 3rd seat, sunroof, $6000. Anita, 510-522-1834

MERCEDES 1986 420 SEL, mint in/out, sunroof, low miles. I will finance VIN#222320. $8950 925-634-8489

NISSAN '90 Maxima, auto, all power, clean, 69k, $7500 510-653-7104

NISSAN '90 Sentra, excellent condition, clean, CD, runs great, very reliable 99k, $2700/ obo. 510-205-8761

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OLDSMOBILE 1991 98 Regency Elite Excellent condition. Call 510-653-7826

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PIEDMONT- 1078 Annerley Rd. Sun 9- 3. Huge exotic moving sale! Furn., antiques, toys, clothing samples, snakes, computer, rugs.

PLYMOUTH 1996 NEON #563024, auto, A/C **$6,995 Used Car Superstore 1-800-830-5311**

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TOYOTA 1994 Camry LE, 4-cyd, 4-dr, AT, 43K Excellent condition. Extra's $12,500 510-769-2960

VOLVO '97 850 GLT, leather, CD, winter driving package, 26k, dealer maintained. $23,500 510-601-1931

VOLVO '83 244 GLT, 5-sp, OD, leather, red, turbo, AM/FM cass. $2195. Great Buy! 510-517-0885

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WRANGLER 1992 #550096 4 01 Islander $8,995 **Used Car Superstore 1-800-830-5311**

1998 FORD EXPLORER XLT CD, 13K Low miles, loaded. why buy new STK#463300, A31938 **WAS: $25,195 SALE: $19,880** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1997 HONDA CIVIC EX COUPE AT, PS, CD CC, tilt, moonroof, 23K low miles STK#463270, 3YCJ019 **WAS: $16,895SALE: $13,980** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1997 NISSAN ALTIMA GXE AT, PS, AC, PL, PW, AM/FM cass, CC, tilt, extra clean, 23k low miles STK#462663, JUYC203 **WAS: $14,395SALE: $12,988** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1996 DODGE INTREPID AT, AT, PS, AC, PL, PW AM/FM cassette, CC tilt, extra clean, ABS STK#461071, 39YED72 **WAS: $12,389SALE: $8,995** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1996 DODGE RAM WAGON VAN AT, PS, AC, AM/FM cassette, tilt, alloys ABS, priv. glass STK#461270, 6E86724 **WAS: $15,980SALE: $11,995** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1996 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE CD, leather, extra clean STK#463490, 3NTX386 **WAS: $17,280SALE: $14,980** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1995 LEXUS SC400 COUPE Extra clean, 49k low miles "AAAAA." STK#463480, 3LTZ674 **WAS: $34,580SALE: $29,980** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

101 Autos

1995 MERCURY VILLAGER LS AT PS, AC, PW, AM/FM cass, CC, tilt custom wheels, extra clean, ABS STK#462930, J20506**WAS: $17,180SALE: $13,980** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

1994 NISSAN ALTIMA GXE AT PS, AC, PL, PW, AM/FM cass, CC, tilt STK#461520, 3HAV946 **SALE: $9,988** Lloyd Wise **Used Car Supermarket 510-638-4000**

102 Bicycles

MOUNTAIN Bike (used)- 17" GT Trek, front shock, $175, great for beginner. Call Genevieve: 415-819-0646

105 Recreation Vehicles

QUALITY Motorhome Rentals & Sales, Class A,B,C; 17ft to 31ft. Moturis Inc San Leandro 562-7566

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201Announcement

PSYCHIC Reader- She doesn't talk to please you, but tells the truth, good or bad. She can tell you how to win your heart's desire, if you will give her a chance. She will reveal your life for you with amazing accuracy! Such as reading your past as you and you alone could know it, your present as it is and tell you exactly what lies in store for you. She will also tell you what changes are to take place in your life and advise you on how to make them work to your advantage! She will answer any and all questions you may want to ask her and counsel you on any matter that has confused you in your life time Call Lena for appointment 510-235-7548 Mention this as for a 1/2 off reading. True advice can save you

COUPLES, Interactive, incisive, intelligent Relationship Therapy for all kinds of couples 25 years experience Richelle (Ricky) Jacobs, MFT 510-845-5178 Ext 3

205 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

TOY poodle mixed puppies, four males. Apricot, white/ black, tan, tortoise-shell Shots, fixed Donations 510-886-6507

KITTENS, male/ female, all colors, long/ short hair Shots, tested, shots, spayed, neutered. Donations 510-886-6507

Chinchilla, 8 month old female To excellent home only Donation 526-9170

1965 TRIUMP Spitfire Engine and its leather convertible top. 510-524-2536

"CECILLE" 5 yrs, DSH, Tortoise shell Quiet, affectionate, petite Spayed, tested, shots. Donation. 510-655-4456

"SABASTIAN" 5 Yrs, DSH, mackerel tabby/ snow shoes Sweet, nurtured, tested shots. Donation 510-654-6799

FREE kitten to a good home w/children. Male, cute & friendly. Black with beige 510-208-5269

206 Lost

LOST Fountain-Pen, Silver Parker 5-10-99, El Cerrito Plaza near Wells Fargo Bank, Generous Reward 510-527-3626

209 Workshops & Classes

SEWING Classes in Berkeley now forming. Call 510-845-6106 for a schedule. Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics.

EDUCATION

303 Instruction & Tutoring

Alameda Computer School; Internet, Windows, Word Beginner Computer Users Low Rates, small classes 510-749-3668 Now!

MEDICAL ASSISTANT, PHLEBOTOMY, EKG Boston Reed Company. California Registration Number 39012911 1-800-201-1141

COMPUTER LESSONS-IMAC/ MAC Master 101 skills "Teach Me" (weekly) Instruction. Beginners welcomed. (Montclair) 510-338-0254

304 Musical Instruction

PIANO- Organ lessons, your home. All styles/ levels Adults a specialty. Very experienced. Linda: 510-655-0690

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More Experienced, Patient, All Ages. First lesson free. Ariel 865-3943

BEGINNING/ Immediate guitar by education specialist and childrens recording artist. Alameda. Donna 337-0315

305 Schools &Camps

SMILES DAY SCHOOL Pre-school program 2.9 -5 years. Full-time and part-time Before and after school program Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools 7:30 - 6:00 339 3830

EMPLOYMENT

401 Childcare Wanted

Au Pair Needed, Responsible and Loving, Room, Board, Salary, car. Live-In Non-Smoking, CDL required. 510-530-8309

BABYSITTING/ Housekeeping, 8- 12 hours/ wk. Monday/ Wednesday evenings, occassional weekends. Own car, nonsmoking, good English. Berkeley, $9/ hour 510-526-3479

CHILDCARE wanted, seeking babysitter for 2 children (6 and 10), Monday and Friday afternoons (with optional 4 additional hours). References and CDL required $12/ hr. 510-655-3366

DESPERATELY seeking summer childcare Someone fun, energetic, responsible with own transporation to help out with 6 and 4 yr olds Flexible hours. $8- $10/ hour Before 6/1 call 847-842-0776

ENERGETIC childcare provider needed for 7 & 10 yr old girls Pickup from school or camp, run errands, light housekeeping. 4- 7pm Mon through Thurs. Must have own car. Experience/ references required 510-339-3592

EXPERIENCED, loving, full-time childcare for 1 yr old, occasional 3 yr old boys English speaking, references, car required 510-339-8038, eves.

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee Moms Away, 559-9195

SUMMERTIME job. Looking for fun person to care for our daughter (11-yrs) and son (8-yrs) Weekdays from June 28th through August 27th, 8am to 5pm. English speaking, CDL, and car required Leave message at: 510-339-8948

WE are seeking a kind, responsible person to care for our 2½ year old son in our Montclair home. Also some care for our 9 & 12 yr olds. 32 hours/ wk in the summer, 10- 15 afternoon hours per week in the fall Fluent English, own car, non-smoker, references $14/ hour 510-531-4856

401 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES NEEDED Full-time, part-time $9- $12/ hour. Ref's, exper'd, car req'd. No fee 339-3380 **Be In Our Care Nanny Agency**

NANNY, seeking loving, energetic, flexible, F/T, live-in for 17 month old boy and infant due November Great separate unit in Piedmont. Bilingual, English/ Spanish preferred. Experience childcare provider and excellent references Call 510-549-2250

PART-TIME Nursery attendant, Piedmont Church. No church experience necessary. Alternate Sundays, 8:15am to 12:30pm $11 per hour Call 547-3942

RESPONSIBLE person to care for 19 month old boy June 21- 24th, 8- 6pm then occasional nights/ weekends 510-864-7664

SEEK loving and active person to care for our 4 month old baby In our El Cerrito home. 10 hrs/ wk now, 25-30 hrs/ wk begining July 19th English fluent, non-smoking, references 510-525-6051

402 Domestics & Caregiver

ATTENDENTS- help disabled adults live independently. F/T, P/T, $10.45/ hr, live-In poss, awesome bnfts Great job, great people 510-835-6117

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment In housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving Skilled and reliable 864-9011

HOME assistant, loving, responsible, reliable for childcare, errands, light housekeeping, pet care and personal assistant work Possible summer live-In Must have own car, English speaking 510-531-1114

403 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING Payable Clerk. Oakland Non-profit 10- 15 hrs/ week Peachtree/ BLA. Fax resume 510 452-2261

ACCOUNTING- Plumbing/ Heating Supply Company seeks employee w/ Accounting/ Financial skills. PT with possible FT. Good communication skills, work well with others, share responsibilities. Organization a must Fax resumes (510)482-2316

ADMIN. ASSIST Entrepreneurial mgmt firm seeks upbeat individual with knowledge of MSOffice '98; good phone, correspondence and some financial skills Minimum 30 hours/ wk Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to 510-663-7764

403 Help Wanted

ADMIN ASSIST. RECEPTIONIST Well-established Alameda P/R agency seeks F/T Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist to work as part of our professional team This position req's the ability to handle many assignments while working under tight deadlines Exceptional organizational, proof reading, grammar and Mac skills needed Fax resume and salary requirements to Jane at 510-865-5165

ADMIN Assist, P/T, Word, Excel, Internet, professional & multi-tasking 510-652-4455 ext 13 klv@sfbadct.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for Montclair real estate office. Must be energetic, organized, proficient in Windows, MSWord, & Pagemaker Photoshop and Access a plus Call Pat Dedekian, Pacific union Residential Brokerage 510-339-6460 ext 330

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistance, Berkeley Merrill Lynch. Energetic, some computer experience, good customer service skills; attention to detail Call Tom White 510-549-4013

ADMINISTRATIVE Assist/ Receptionist- F/T, 4 days/ week, 6am- 2p.m. for non-profit outpatient drug treatment center Varied duties Incld: administrative tasks, detail work and client service Self-starter with excellent organization, computer, verbal/ written communication skills. Prefer 2+ years college Wonderful salary/ bnfts Fax resume plus cover letter to 510-357-3872 EOE

ACCOUNTANT

City Of Piedmont

Salary
$3,471- $4,220/ month plus Benefits

The Finance Department is seeking an experienced accountant to provide professional accounting, financial, budgetary and statistical support; perform analysis, reconciliation, posting and report preparation Requires graduation from four year college and two years accounting experience For application materials contact: City of Piedmont, HR, 120 Vista Ave., Piedmont, CA 94611 or call 510-420-3036 Must submit application by 5:00p.m. June 30, 1999 EOE/ADA/AA

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant- Berkeley medical-legal firm seeks energetic, person for comprehensive office support Accuracy a must! Fax cover letter/ resume 510-486-1255 and enjoy coming to work!

403 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant, temporary F/T position, end of May through September. EOE. Mail resume to Attention Michelle; 2857 Hannah St. Oakland 94608 or Fax: 510-444-1344

403 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant- Oakland church 12/ hours/ week $10/ hr Word processing, phones, bank deposits Fax resume 510-893-7056

403 Help Wanted

AID/ Attendant for Physically disabled male teenaged student 6 hours/ day, 6 weeks Car required $10.70/ hour Call 510-594-2611 Piedmont Unified Schools EOE

Garage & Estate Sales

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ALAMEDA ESTATE SALE
Rare Franciscan Ware china set "California Poppy"; Noritake "Bessie" and Rose pattern china services for 12, lots of California Pottery, Kutani 1930's orange and gold luncheon set, Blue Ridge floral patterned china, Antique kitchen tools, garage full of tools and goodies Steamer truck, Cedar chest, lots of Art Deco collectibles, high quality French Provincial Dining Room Set with Double china Cabinet and Banquet Table, Ethan Allen 1960's country style furniture chest with Gentleman's Armoire, Beer collectibles, paper and ephemera, Art Deco Kitsch Torchiere Lamp, French Provincial Marble Topped occasional Tables, lots of small appliances, double door Refrigerator, brand new washer and dryer, silverplate, flatware, clothing, TV's, Salt and Pepper Shaker Collection, Nigara Adjustable bed, crystal chandelier and tons more. 1986 Cadillac Sedan de Ville with new engine Sale by Mau and Jim. **Almost Home Antiques. Bay Farm Island- 1027 Begonia, Alameda (Island Drive, left at Mecartney, right at Begonia). Friday 12- 5, Saturday and Sunday 10-5.**

ALAMEDA, Corner of Fernside/ High Saturday, 8:30am. Antique oak desk, Crock glassware, furniture, Collectibles, ping-pong table, 8 ladder

ALAMEDA- 748 Santa Clara. Sat 9-? Multifamily! Great Stuff MAC, Darsek dinnerware, baby stuff, paper supplies, clothes No earlies

ALAMEDA- 445 Pacific Saturday 9am- 3pm! Garage Sale!

ALAMEDA- 2633 Central Ave (corner of Pearl) Saturday, 10-6/ Sunday 12-4 Furniture, small appliances, misc., household, clothes Estate Sale

"LOL'S ESTATE"
ALAMEDA- 2231C Lincoln Ave. Saturday, 9- 3. Many antiques, collectibles, trunks, Pine China Cabinet, LR Chairs, Loveseat, old jewelry, small appliance's, lamps, sewing machine, etc.

ALAMEDA- 1910 Central Ave The Children's Learning Center (in the courtyard). Saturday May 22nd, 7am til 2pm. Rummage Sale, Bake Sale and Raffle. A large assortment: books, toys & kid's clothes, collectibles, outdoor gear, housewares, clothes, etc. Delicious homebaked cakes, pies, cookies, muffins and more. Special Raffle: 4 Hot New Star Wars, Episode I collectibles Tickets: $1 each. All proceeds benefit CLC a nonprofit school for special needs children.

ALAMEDA- 1626- 9th St. Sat 9- 3. Lots of good stuff, everything must go!

ALAMEDA- 1616 Alameda Ave./ Cross Grand. Sat 8:30- 3 Multifamily. Something for all ages! Our abundance is your bargain.

ALAMEDA- 1519 Park Resale Furniture, collectibles, jewelry, clothing son-ething for everyone Alameda Antiques, Wine tasting. Now accepting consignment. 523-0895

ALBANY- 511 Romona/ Thousand Oaks and Ward. Sat 9- 3. Garage Sale, assorted items

ALAMEDA- 1248 Regent St. Saturday, 9- 4, Fabrics, upholstery, remnants, hshold misc; freezer; ladies' fashion vests; poss two families

ALBANY- 919 Talbot Ave./ Solano Sat 8:30- 4 Little Village Preschool, 30-families Clothes, toys, furniture, lots of interesting items

ALBANY- 850 Masonic Ave Albany Preschool Rummage Sale. Saturday 5/22, 9- noon Clothes, toys, furniture, bake sale, etc!

BERKELEY (No)- Hopkins Court. off Hopkins opposite Monterey Mkt Sat 10- 4 Vintage clothes/ hand bags $10-$30

ESTATE SALE
BERKELEY- 2646 Dwight Way./ College Sat/ Sun, 9- 4. Huge sale! Furniture, housewares, 50 years of accumulation. 12 dressers 50 chairs, sofas, tables, lamps, bookcases, kitchenware, frames, old photos All items over 30 years old Priced to move

BERKELEY- 734 Gelston Rd off Claremont Ave in Hills above Claremont Hotel Saturday May 22nd, 9- 4 Moving Sale Dining Table & chairs, Oak table, Mahogany sideboard, Mission style Oak chairs, large hot tub, treadmill, rower, bookshelves, folding tables, lamps, vases, briefcases, purses, clothing, blue jeans, toys, Cuisinart, mixer, silver fondue server, platters, serving bowls glassware, GE refrigerator, ice & water on door, washer, dryer, freezer, gas stove- much more

BERKELEY- 1053 Monterey Ave./ Colusa Sat 9- 4 15 family sale. School benefit. Quality household goods, equip toys, clothes

BERKELEY- 1721 Sixth St. Saturday May 22nd, 10-3. Multi-family Furniture, toys, books, trampoline, carseats, clothes, strollers, tools, microwaves, housewares

JACK LONDON COLLECTORS FAIR
BERKELEY- 2000 Marina Blvd. Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina. Sun 10- 4:30 Antiquarian, Rare Books, Ephemera, Paper Collectibles

EL CERRITO- 1304 Norvell. Sat. 5/22, 8-4 Antiques, depression glass, silver, customer jewelry, china, lamps, no early birds

KENSINGTON - 274 Lake Dr./ Beloit. Saturday/ Sunday 10- 5. Household furnishings, collectibles, clothes, lawn equipment, miscellaneous items.

KENSINGTON- 105 Ardmore Rd Sat. May 22nd, 9-3. Many kids/ baby items, misc household, good stuff!

KENSINGTON- 290 Columbia Ave. 3-blocks from Grizzly Peek or The Arlington. Sunday, 10- 2 Beds, furniture, clothes, ski's, houseware

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE
MONTCLAIR- Arrowhead Drive between Colton and Shepherd canyon, just below Skyline Blvd. Saturday, May 22 9-3. Great variety including tools, baby equipment (stroller, car seats, swing, playpen, etc) toys, women's clothes, men's designer wool suites (38 short), wheelchair, refrigerator, small kitchen appliances, furniture, household, more. Bargains from end to end

MONTCLAIR- 6417 Colton Blvd./ Snake Sat 9-3 Multi family Kids stuff, clothing, furniture, housewares, art, LP's, more

MONTCLAIR ANTIQUES
Montclair- 2020 Mountain Blvd We are excepting consignments daily Free pickup available New shipment just arrived 510-339-6505

OAKLAND- 76 Linda Ave #12. Sat/ Sun 9- 4 Moving! Tables, sofa, chairs, mirrors, misc 510-428-9082

OAKLAND- 714 Jean Sat urday/ Sunday, 9:30- 4:00 Collectibles, vintage clothing, antique doll-house, arrowheads, piano, zebra, work bench, tools, couch

OAKLAND- 566 Rosal Ave Saturday, 8- 2. Furniture, clothing, baby stuff rugs household items

OAKLAND- 5299 Harbord Drive. at Clarewood Sat 9- 3. Moving! 50 years of accumulation and treasures

OAKLAND- 4925 Clark St Near Telegraph off 51st St Estate Sale Multifamily Saturday 8-4. Furniture electronics, housewares antiques, recreational

OAKLAND- 4260 Atlas Ave. Sat 8:30- 2 Antiques old sink, small women's clothes, wicker set, fun things Cash only!

OAKLAND- 4027 Lincoln Garage/ Fire Sale!!! Saturday 5/22, 8-4 Motorcycle, bike, furniture, tons of baby & kitchen stuff!

OAKLAND- 390 60th St Sat 9:00-4:30 Antique tables, boxes & organ, 50 years of collecting, 2 tubs garden things

Oakland- 2433 Carmel Street, More New Items this Week! Sat. 10-4 Furniture, display racks, vintage/leather clothes, costumes, jewelry findings

OAKLAND- 1312 Holman Road. Saturday 9- 4 Clothing, accessories, furniture, sewing supplies, athletic equipment, electronics/ household items

OAKMORE- 1951 Bywood Drive/ off Lermert Sat 8-30-2 help! We have to much plants, furniture, fabric, sports, clothes

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OAKLAND — Few things about the design and organization of kitchens surprise professional chefs Tarni and Alan Jewett. The couple have redone three on their own and they operate commercial kitchens for their catering business.

But one aspect of their newly renovated kitchen and family center, just completed by Sara Jaffe Designs, has proven to be a pleasant surprise to not only the chefs but to the designer as well: the pastel palette of colors that evolved over the course of the project and makes the space as restful and pleasurable as stepping into an Impressionist painting.

Custom mahogany cabinetry casts a warm ruby luster, complemented by rich slate-like floor tile in cinnamon hues. Granite countertops in rusty rose are restful to the eye, and art tiles are a pleasing bouquet of colors in soft mint, blue mist, cream, rose and peach. Colors richly season this stately family space where one-of-a-kind designs have been crafted to be enjoyed over a lifetime.

"It is about putting down roots," the clients say of this project, and their insistence upon quality and detailing was met by Sara Jaffe, an architect-trained interior designer and furniture maker whose work is known for a reverence of fine materials and a sculptor's feel for space.

That Jaffe also happens to have taught cooking and run a catering business as an adjunct to her career made her the perfect match for two chefs for whom entertaining is both business and pleasure.

The couple had anticipated the project since moving into the house with their two-year-old daughter five years ago.

An elegant English Tudor by Miller and Warnecke, circa 1936, the house was arranged in small, dosed off areas-breakfast room, dining room, kitchen and laundry room-far too constricting for a family who consider the kitchen to be the heart of the home.

They had never worked with a designer and thought that building an addition was the best solution in order to meet their requirements. Jaffe's knack for imaginative solutions immediately won over the Jewetts since she saw another possibility.

"Sara thought differently about this space," says Alan Jewett. "She talked about wanting to lighten this part of the house and came up with the idea of changing the function of the dining room from what was very formal to a much friendlier space."

By updating the dining area for everyday living, the breakfast nook could be eliminated and the rooms opened into a flowing, light filled space, gaining the desired footage while sparing the clients the expense and complications of building an addition. Jaffe shared with her clients a strong affinity for the architectural character of the house, and honoring its integrity shaped each design decision.



HANDOUT PHOTO

ALL THE CONVENIENCES in this Jaffe-designed kitchen are arranged with an artistic yet practical sensibility

The kitchen is designed to create a main cooking area as well as separate pastry and savory preparation areas. The Jewetts selected all the appliances, and the kitchen features two sinks, two convection ovens, a commercial Sub-Zero refrigerator.

Jaffe designed a custom rolling cart with a butcher surface and tiled shelf that allows the flexibility of additional counter space wherever needed.

Built-in recycling storage and a floor-to-ceiling pull-out pantry increase the efficiency of the design. Deep drawers for pots and pans and bins for staples provide additional storage, and a custom spice rack nestles under the counter within easy reach of the stove top.

A commercial grade pot-filler faucet unfolds from the back splash. There is also ample storage for their cooking and serving pieces.

Tami Jewett is the family's pastry chef.

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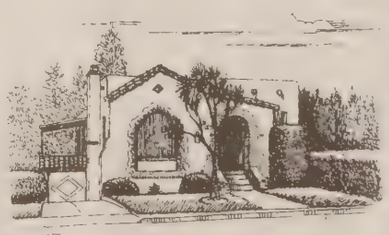
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Small, sensible improvements can help sell a house



By Tarpoff and Talbert

No. 283 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Last year we sold a house belonging to a woman we never met. Phyllis, as I'll call her, was older and she needed daily help in life. Phyllis' niece, coming to her aunt's aid from her home in South Carolina, had located an assisted living community in Oakland where Phyllis felt comfortable, and had overseen Phyllis' move there.

Phyllis' house in the Berkeley hills was packed to the rafters with her lifelong collection of antique furniture and bric-a-brac, and it fell to Jane to dispose of these.

Over a period of months, Jane flew to California as frequently as she could. She stayed in Phyllis' house, usually for a couple of weeks at a time, while she worked at her task.

Jane wanted to know from Anet and me the usual things: how much the house was worth, how quickly it would sell, and what should be done to the house before selling. As it was Phyllis' money she would be spending on the house, Jane was anxious to spend it wisely.

It was a good situation for us. Jane had little emotional attachment to the house; it was not a struggle for her to let it go, nor did she feel any need to defend what it was. Her objective was to provide as best she could for her aunt, and this we shared, so we were free to make suggestions about what would make the house appeal to buyers.

We stressed that the house could be sold as it was. Beyond clearing and cleaning and obtaining some reports, there was no doubt in our minds that a buyer for the house would be found. It was generally in good repair: the roof was new, all the windows had been replaced not long before, and the kitchen and bath were in reasonable shape.

But there were things about the house that, if changed, would greatly improve the appearance of the house.

For example, the exterior was painted a bright apple green. Phyllis had chosen the color; she must have liked it, but we felt it would be off-putting to many people. Also, it was a wood-sided house, rather plain, and of no particular style. We thought it could use a focal point, something to catch the eye and hold it. After some consideration, we came up with the idea of adding a prominent wooden trellis at the front of the house.

The fireplace had been boarded up. We wanted it exposed and made, if it not too expensive, a working fireplace. The wooden floors in the house were in poor shape, damaged by pets and an over-flowing bath. The living room ceiling was covered with acoustic tiles which looked out of place, wrong for the house. And the walls, in some cases loudly wallpapered, looked sad.

We talked with Jane about all of these things and decided to get inspections and bids before deciding what to have done.

A carpenter bid on building the trellis, our painters told us what they'd charge for painting and also for covering the acoustic tiles with sheet rock.

We got a bid for refinishing the floors and replacing the damaged portions. There would also be expense in washing all the windows, general cleaning, hauling and hanging some new curtains.

With all the costs in hand, we talked with Jane and estimated for her what we thought the price of the house would be if the work was done. We agreed on painting inside and out and on restoring the fireplace.

The termite work wasn't critical; we didn't plan to address it at this end. Everything else seemed worth doing except we wondered if the trellis and the living room ceiling redo were really necessary.

The trellis would cost about $500; the ceiling about the same. What would we get for spending this money beyond the satisfaction of seeing the house look better? Was the expense justified?

There were no guarantees, but Jane chose to do it all and, as it turned out, we think that the house sold for considerably more because of it. Painting and cleaning and beautiful floors sparked up the house considerably.

Filmy white curtains and bouquets of flowers added to a fresh, airy look. A couple of light fixtures were changed and the fireplace brick scrubbed. We kept some of Phyllis' furnishings to use, including a lovely old brass bed and a patchwork quilt. The overall effect was terrific.

The addition of the wide trellis was, at least to my eye, a masterstroke. I looked again today at the before and after photos, and am still impressed by how much visual interest the trellis lends to the house.

We had it painted white like the window trim, a nice contrast against the new soft gray-green of the house.

As far as the living room ceiling is concerned, no one noticed the ceiling at all once the tiles were gone, and I consider that a success.

What would the house have sold for if these things had not been done? There were several offers from buyers and the house sold for more than any of us had anticipated. The people who bought the house were very pleased to buy it.

We don't think they could say what they would have paid if the house had been different. Probably most buyers aren't aware of the individual cosmetic details that cause them to buy a particular house.

These buyers, for instance, had been looking at larger houses because they have a lot of belongings, and at first they felt that this house was too small.

They came to our Sunday open house at the beginning, went away to look at other houses, then returned to linger, and they ended up buying it. Why was that? Which of the characteristics of the house caused them to make their decision?

At about the same time we were marketing this house, we put another on the market, a completely different situation. The owners had died; their children were selling. The house needed a lot of work: roof, heating system, kitchen and baths all would need replacing. We couldn't pick out anything that could be done for a reasonable amount of money that would make a substantial difference in the appearance of the house.

Our recommendation was to get reports and bids for repairing the basic systems of the house to provide to buyers. We asked that all the belongings except a table and chairs (it's always a good idea to provide a place to sit down) be cleared out of the house, and we hired a crew to clean the house thoroughly. Our clients agreed. Brand new clean windows did make a huge difference for the better and so did some [illegible] trimming and tree pruning.

We think that the best pri[illegible] received for this house (there also several bids on this one) ing very little. The buyer was one who intended to do a c[illegible] renovation before moving in. glad to have written evaluat[illegible] the house and to receive it [illegible] but it's unlikely that he would paid a higher price if, for ex[illegible] the house had just been pain[illegible]

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Grassroots effort to kick off 'Affordable Housing Week' June 6

Bay Area leaders, media and aspiring homeowners seem particularly concerned about a shortage of decent affordable housing these days.

Advocates of affordable housing say long commutes, congested freeways, sprawling developments and the loss of open space trace their roots to a lack of affordable housing vision.

To that end, Affordable Housing Week is a regional grassroots effort to educate policy makers, the business community and other concerned groups about the need for and the benefits of affordable housing in our communities.

Public events throughout the East Bay — including bus tours of affordable housing developments, open houses, and presentations by nonprofit developers, advocates and tenants — provide an opportunity for the public to learn first hand about the "new generation" of affordable housing developed by nonprofit organizations.

Come learn how affordable housing builds healthy communities.

Events are sponsored by the East Bay Housing Organization, a not-for-profit group.

Festival planned

Affordable Housing and Arts Festival will feature the poetry, music and theatrical performances produced by the tenants of affordable housing in Berkeley.

The festival will be held June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Emma P. Harris Court Apartments, 1330 University Ave. in Berkeley. For more information on the festival or Affordable Housing Week, call Jose Toledo at 510-841-4410, ext. 23.

-East Bay Housing Organization

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Estate plan critical when loved one passes away

Money Matters
By Leila Gough



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"Grief and shock often are exacerbated by feelings of uncertainty..."

When a loved one dies unexpectedly, survivors must deal with several issues — including financial and investment matters. The grief and shock are often exacerbated by the feeling of uncertainty about what to do next and who to consult.

To make a difficult process a little easier, here is a "to-do" for you to follow:

■ **Obtain copies of the death certificate.** Order at least 10 copies. You will need copies for filing insurance and benefit claims and transferring assets. The funeral home can help you obtain these copies.

■ **Locate and file the will.** It is important to find the will, if the decedent has left one. The will names a personal representative, also called the executor. The will should be filed regardless of whether the estate will be subject to probate, a process by which a court settles an estate. If most of the assets are held in trust or have designated beneficiaries other than the estate — insurance policies and Individual Retirement Accounts, for example — the estate may not be subject to probate. If no will is found, the courts will declare that the individual died "intestate" and the estate will be distributed based upon the laws of the decedent's state of residence.

■ **Apply for a tax ID.** The personal representative must apply for a tax ID number using Internal Revenue Service Form SS-4. This ID must be included on tax returns, bank and brokerage statements and any documents you file concerning the estate.

■ **Re-register non-probate assets.** If the decedent owned insurance policies, annuities, joint assets or transfer-on-death accounts, which are generally transferred outside the probate process, be sure to file the appropriate claim forms to reregister the assets.

■ **Submit insurance claims.** Once you have located all policies, contact the insurance companies, obtain, complete and submit the claim forms, and provide any required documentation. Premium refunds may be available on life, disability, health or liability insurance.

■ **Contact the employer (or former employer).** Ask the decedent's employer (or former employer) about active insurance coverage. The decedent may also be entitled to stock options, financial compensation, bonuses or vacation pay. If the decedent participated in a company pension or profit-sharing plan, he or she probably named beneficiaries. Consult a qualified tax adviser before accepting distributions from qualified plans to make sure you take advantage of any alternatives that might be available to minimize income taxes.

■ **Determine eligibility for veterans benefits.** If the decedent served in the military, heirs may be entitled to benefits through the Veterans Administration. Contact your local VA office to request claim forms.

■ **Apply for Social Security benefits.** If the decedent qualified for Social Security benefits, his or her vivors (spouse and children) are erally also entitled to benefits. tact your local Social Security for claim forms.

Handling a loved one's estate be a complicated and emotio draining process. Remember you do not have to do it alone financial consultant, attorney tax adviser can work as a tea ease this burden and help make your loved one's estate is mana properly. Although this checkli far from complete, it should help get started.

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Is this new-home sales tax break for real?

By Robert J. Bruss
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: Let me get this straight. It sounds too good to be true. You must have made a mistake. If my husband and I move into one of our rental houses and live there for just two years before selling it, all our profit is tax-free? Uncle Sam must have lost his marbles.

We've owned a rental house about 30 years. It's worth at least $200,000 more than we paid for it. Can we then use this same crazy new tax rule and move into our vacation home for two years and sell it without owing tax on our profit of around $125,000? What's the catch? — Gert S.

Dear Gert: Yes, you understand new Internal Revenue Code 121 very well. But I must clarify a few of your remarks. This "crazy new tax rule" applies to the sale of your current or former principal residence only. To qualify, you (and/or your husband co-owner) must own and occupy your principal residence any two of the five years before its sale. Then, up to $250,000 sale profit per seller (up to $500,000 for a married couple filing jointly) is tax-free.

But this major tax exemption can only be used once every 24 months (except for partial tax exemptions on home sales due to health or employment reasons).

You and your husband can move into your rental house to make it your principal residence, live there at least two years during the last five years before the sale, and claim up to $250,000 per qualified seller tax-free profits.

However, any depreciation deducted after May 7, 1997 is recaptured (that means taxed) upon sale. Please consult your tax advisor for full details.

If you can't sell realty any other way, use a lease-option

Dear Bob: I inherited a nice house that I've been trying to sell for the last year. The problem is, it's located in an undesirable, low-income part of town overrun with gangs. Several Realtors have had my listing. Each gave up after 90 days. Any ideas how to sell this nice two-bedroom home, which just happens to be in a rough neighborhood? — Amy R.

Dear Amy: I have yet to see a property that cannot be sold on a properly structured lease with option to purchase. Surely, unless nobody at all would consider living in that neighborhood, there is a someone who would love an opportunity to buy that house.

By selling to tenants who will eventually be able to own the house, you will get good quality tenants who will treat the house as their own. To attract good prospects, run newspaper classified ads under "houses for rent" and "houses for sale" with a bold headline, such as "$3,000 moves you in." Also, put a similar sign on the front lawn.

To properly structure a lease-option, set the option price at the home's market value today. If it appreciates in market value, often due to tenant improvements, the tenant benefits. Meanwhile, you enjoy income slightly higher than market rent.

The key to lease-option success is a hefty rent credit toward the purchase price. I recommend at least 33 percent. Fifty percent might be desirable in the situation you describe to give the tenant a very strong incentive to take good care of the home and exercise the purchase option after a year or two. More details are in my special report, "How to Quickly Buy or Sell Your Home With a Lease-Option" available for $4 from Robert Bruss, 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010.

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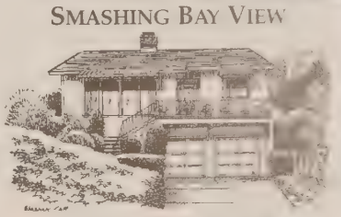
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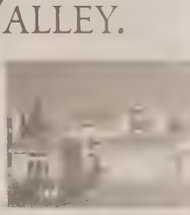


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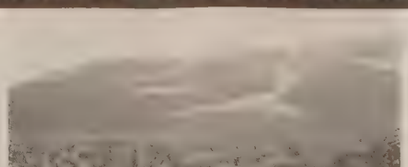
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Know if you must pay transfer tax after a refinance

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Mortgage Madness

By Karen Senzig



Karen Senzig

"...the city could try to collect on the difference between the old loan and the new loan..."

Oakland and Berkeley have some of the highest transfer taxes in California. They are a fact of life in every purchase transaction earning the Revenue Offices a cool $15 per $1000 of the purchase price.

But recently, several Oakland homeowners have received their first notice from the Budget and Finance Agency that they owed a transfer tax (plus possible interest and penalties).

These homeowners had refinanced their property. Most had cashed out some of their equity for whatever reasons and all had a difference in the way they held title.

The most common reason for a change in title is when the homeowner holds title to the property in a trust.

Most lenders want to make loans to individuals, not to a trust, especially lenders who plan on selling the notes later. The escrow officer prepares a deed that transfers the property out of the trust and back to the individual. The transfer is recorded at the close of the transaction.

It is the borrower's responsibility to transfer the property back into the trust within 90 days of the transaction.

It is a simple matter of filling out another grant deed granting title back into the trust and recording the document down at the County court house.

If your refinance had no cash back to you and only improved your interest rate and perhaps the length or term of your loan and it is back in the trust, you will probably not get nailed by the city for a transfer tax.

However, if you cashed out some of your equity, the city could try to collect on the difference between the new loan and the old loan.

Another kind of transfer that is triggering the system is when the refinance is for the purpose of removing a family member from title. Many first-time homebuyers used Mom and Dad to help qualify for the loan. A few years down the road, the new homeowners are doing much better financially and would like to release Mom and Dad from their credit liability.

This is one of the few exceptions allowed by the City of Oakland, provided again that it is a rate and term refinance. Again, the City wants its cut if there is cash out.

We had a situation where the homeowners were sisters (different married names) and had lived together in the home for some 20 years since their divorces. They wanted to refinance to do some deferred maintenance to the property.

Unfortunately, one of the sisters, had a streak of illness and her credit had been hurt. The other sister had perfect credit, so she qualified for the loan on her own and her sister deeded off.

Just after the transaction was completed, the sister who had deeded off broke her hip and was back in the hospital. She was convalescing at home, when she was thrown back with pneumonia.

One thing after another, and it was six months later and the sisters were notified that they owed a transfer tax because the record indicated that a transfer had happened. They are appealing the decision.

The first thing they did was to grant title back to the sister who had deeded off.

Then they put all their loan documentation together, including their credit reports and hospitalization records. They included a written statement as to why they refinanced in the manner they did and how much cash out they received.

They are trying to get the entire transfer tax waived, a bill in excess of $2000 including interest and penalties, but at the very least, have it reduced to about $400 which would be the tax on the cash they received.

The other exemption to the transfer tax ordinance when divorcing spouses transfer title as part of their settlement agreement.

Just a reminder that Oakland and Berkeley only assess this tax when there is a transfer of title. Your refinance will not trigger additional taxes if title stays the same.

Just another thing to think about when in the state of Mortgage Madness.

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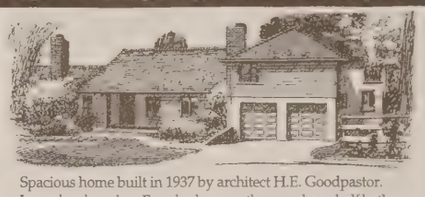
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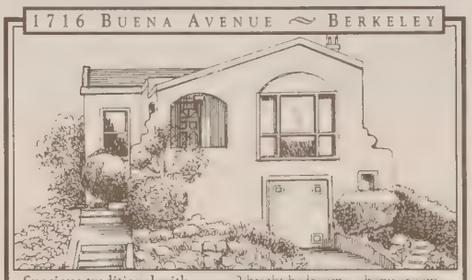
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PIEDMONT

37 Artuna Ave. - $310,000
201 Crocker Ave. - $1,567,500
1689 Grand Ave. - $400,000
356 Mountain Ave. - $1,275,000
151 Waldo Ave. - $986,000

RICHMOND

621 1st St. - $90,000
660 38th St. - $150,000
520 43rd St. - $160,000
5089 Buckboard Wy. - $250,000
223 Chanslor Ave. - $97,000
1511 Esmond Ave. - $95,000
1353 Fascination Cl. - $320,000
4439 Fieldcrest Dr. - $217,500
4535 Fran Wy. - $185,000
4338 Harmon Rd. - $140,000
3108 Humphrey Ave. - $146,000
2595 Kevin Rd. - $155,000
1060 Lassen St. - $152,000
2831 Rheem Ave. - $112,000
865 Ridgedale Ct. - $347,000
5837 Sacramento Ave. - $199,500
5907 San Jose Ave. - $225,500
10 Snowdrift Ct. - $343,000
335 South 36th St. - $124,000
3604 Stoneglen #8 - $110,000
97 Sweeney Ct. - $190,000
3321 Tulare Ave. - $100,000
940 Ventura St. - $139,000
3632 West Ct. #3 - $640,000

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1609 Boxwood Ave. - $170,000
202 Caliente Dr. #81 - $135,000
2351 Croyden Pl. - $203,000
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2033 Evergreen Ave. - $245,000
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1171 Glen Dr. - $355,000
15272 Hardin St. - $215,500
1391 Hubbard Ave. - $259,000
389 Lexington Ave. - $193,000
2019 Liberty Wy. - $366,500
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2210 Oceanside Wy. - $320,000
15101 Ranger Rd. - $381,000
14771 Seagate Dr. #223 - $165,000
15498 Shining Star Ln. - $385,000
721 Valita Dr. - $187,000
204 Warwick Ave. - $164,000
2346 West Ave. 133rd - $404,000
2223 Woodduck Ct. #50 - $261,500

SAN LORENZO

1546 152nd Ave. - $137,000
16766 Blanco St. - $125,000
19411 Camden Ave. - $184,000
920 Elgin St. #C - $119,000
1945 Keller Ave. - $225,000
16512 Kent Ave. - $198,000
15921 Via Alamitos - $155,000
16143 Via Catherine - $215,000
16100 Via Lupine - $150,000

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ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST SALES: $121,000
HIGHEST SALES: $584,000
AVERAGE SALES: $302,000

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST SALES: $170,000
HIGHEST SALES: $401,500
AVERAGE SALES: $233,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST SALES: $188,000
HIGHEST SALES: $685,000
AVERAGE SALES: $356,368

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST SALES: $191,000
HIGHEST SALES: $367,500
AVERAGE SALES: $277,700

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST SALES: $330,000
HIGHEST SALES: $330,000
AVERAGE SALES: $330,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST SALES: $140,000
HIGHEST SALES: $160,000
AVERAGE SALES: $150,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 61
LOWEST SALES: $75,000
HIGHEST SALES: $725,000
AVERAGE SALES: $237,770

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST SALES: $310,000
HIGHEST SALES: $1,567,500
AVERAGE SALES: $907,700

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST SALES: $90,000
HIGHEST SALES: $640,000
AVERAGE SALES: $195,312

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST SALES: $135,000
HIGHEST SALES: $404,000
AVERAGE SALES: $253,173

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST SALES: $119,000
HIGHEST SALES: $225,000
AVERAGE SALES: $167,555

Real estate Web sites lag in growth, revenues

Inman News Features
RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE NEWS

Are you wondering how online real estate is going to make money?

Profits may be a different story, but in terms of revenues, e-commerce is growing at a 1000 percent annual clip, according to a new survey by Peterborough, N.H.-based ActivMedia Research LLC.

A company had to earn at least $12 million in revenues to crack the top-100 list, and that bar is bound to rise.

The key factors for revenue projections in 1999, the study said, were linked to marketing and Web site automation. Real estate companies were unable to crack the top 10.

The top 10 e-commerce sites, based on monthly growth, were:

- Best Buy
- Insight Enterprises
- World Wide Sports
- Charles Schwab
- Bass Hotel & Resorts
- Campor
- Click For Flowers
- Tiger Direct
- Uniglobe Travel
- Unistar-Sparco

"It comes as no surprise that the online growth rates are closely correlated with some of the highest revenues," said Chris Anne Wheeler, vice-president of ActivMedia's information services.

"We suspect that some of the biggest e-commerce producers who refused to disclose revenue growth information in this year's study will also continue at better than 100 percent growth, but we won't know until next year.

"What this list shows, however, is that there is still plenty of time for diverse and new entrants to become e-commerce leaders by investing in marketing and Web site infrastructure."

Dell and Amazon.com were among several Web sites that didn't disclose monthly growth data.

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ALBANY

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RICHMOND ANNEX

CUTE HOME IN THE ANNEX.....$154,000
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ELEGANT BROWN SHINGLE WITH VIEWS.....$297,000
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When it's your move...

Trees need careful pruning for health, appearance

By Gregg Huddleston
SPECIALIZED ARBOR WORKS

Trees growing in a urban environment enrich our landscape and quality of life tremendously. But their proximity to structures and their dominating presence in our gardens require attention to their health and safety. What can we do? The fundamental pruning practice arborists recommend to maintain health and vigor of trees is called "corrective pruning."

Here, arborists remove deadwood, cross branches and weak interior branching. These elemental pruning procedures are a good start toward providing needed care to trees but don't do the whole job.

All too many would-be arborists apply the basics on all trees without regard to the vastly different growth habits of each individual tree species.

As an example let's compare the growth habits of two tree species commonly grown in the Bay Area, deodar cedar (cedrus deodar) and coast live oak (quercus agrifolia).

The deodar cedar grows rapidly to 80 feet in a pyramidal form, (Christmas tree-like). The coast live oak grows slowly to an eventual spreading, rounded form.

The coast live oak has dense, compact wood cells creating extremely strong branches. The deodar cedar has large, fast-growing wood cells forming relatively weak and somewhat brittle branching.

The deodar cedar's native habitat is the harsh, rocky and semi-arid foothills of the Himalayas.

The much more favorable growing conditions of the Bay Area produce larger, more spreading specimens. The coast live oak is native to the Bay Area and its growth habits are normal in this habitat.

Finally, the fruits of the deodar cedar, in the form of cones, are born on the upper portions of lateral branching.

These cones are dense and heavy, and cause stress on horizontal limbs. The fruits of coast live oak, in the form of acorns, are born on branch tips and present little stress on lateral branching.

The growth habits and biological strategies of these two species are strikingly different. With that in mind, let's apply the basic pruning practices to both types of tree and analyze the results:

First, removing deadwood is beneficial and has no effect on the growth habit of remaining live branches. So here is at least one element of basic corrective pruning that we can apply to all trees universally.

Next, consider removing weak interior branching and crossing branches.

The oak tree's growing strategy is to form a broad, spreading canopy eventually shading out interior branching which will gradually die off.

The oak is extremely strong and has no problem in supporting this canopy as end weight on its branches. So this basic pruning formula is in accord with the natural growing habit of the coast live oak.

Now consider how this same pruning strategy effects the growing habits of the deodar cedar.

Removing weak interior branching and crossing branches on the pyramidal form of a cedar equates to stripping off all smaller branches along the trunk and upper portions of the larger lateral branching. This leaves the trunk and lateral branches exposed to the risk of sun-scald.

But much worse, removal of all interior branching forces new accelerated growth to occur on the remaining branch tips. A deodar cedar grows more vigorously with longer branching in the Bay Area than in its native habitat.

A cedar has relatively week wood cells and sets heavy cones on its branch tips. A few years after this poor pruning strategy is employed, the branch ends will become too laden and the branches will fail.

Often a domino effect happens, with one branch breaking onto another until an entire side of the tree is destroyed.

What is a sound pruning practice for one species of tree can be a disaster for another. What is right for an oak is wrong for a cedar. But what about a liquidambar? A flowering cherry? A eucalyptus?

You'll have to take into account the peculiarities of each tree species on your grounds. If you are considering a pruning project, consult a qualified, experienced arborist and develop a pruning strategy that is appropriate for your own trees.

Gregg Huddleston is a certified arborist, WC-3686, and owner of Specialized Arbor Works. Call him at 510-530-8346.



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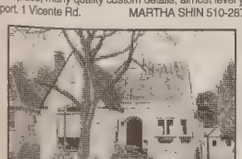
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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL volunteers from the College Preparatory School take a moment's rest from re-painting and re-roofing the home of a Berkeley resident. The Templeton Company and Chicago Title Company helped underwrite the students for the event held Saturday, April 24.

Saturday, April 24th was the big work day that saw more than 1,500 volunteers repair homes in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville belonging to low-income elderly and disabled people, as well as several community centers.

The drive was the culmination of a monthlong national effort designed to tackle an ongoing need.

Firms such as the Templeton Company, led by "first mate" Jon Edwards, provided time, labor and supplies to the renovations.

Joining Edwards were 20 College Preparatory School volunteers. The youth were sponsored by a joint Templeton Company-Chicago Title fund. They repainted and re-roofed the home of a delighted Berkeley senior citizen.

The students, who raised their own funds for food and materials, primed and painted all day under the direction of volunteer house captain Eric Strimling of Winan's Construction Company, which also donated tools and materiel.

College Preparatory School volunteers included Elizabeth Batin, Andrew Beattle, Kate Berry, Benny Blum, Jon Edwards, Andrew Gillette, Anya Goldstein, Ben Gomberg, Ben Graff, Mark Hobel, Chuck Jones, Cort Kennedy, Regine Lee, Samantha Manierre, Sylvie Petta, Liane Quan, Amy Shyer, Meredith Willi... Candy Wong and community ser... faculty advisor Cynthia Geddes.

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Wonderful DUPLEX, 2BD/1BA each, separate home office, huge basement, views, off street parking, decks
Chris Christensen ext. 242



3005 HOLYROOD DRIVE.....$395,000
3++BD/2BA custom-built brown shingle contemporary in Piedmont Pines. Located in a private, wooded setting. Master suite, 4 decks, high wood-beamed ceilings, Luan mahogany cabinets, lovely, remodeled kitchen. Level in from street. Don Dunning 482-2256



1528 EXCELSIOR.....$245,000
Sweetheart Glenview bungalow, 2 bedrooms, study, spacious living room, sun drenched colors, great garden, decks, hardwood floors, updated. Kate Meadow ext. 288

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Rates heading higher

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-year average poked through the
percent mark for the first time in
nths.

According to Bank Rate Monitor,
ich publishes nightly averages
sed on its survey of nearly 3,000
nks in 50 states, the 30-year fixed-
e average climbed to 7.02 percent
esday morning while the 15-year
ed average rose to 6.61 percent.
e 1-year adjustable jumped to 5.73
rcent.

These rates are averages and
y not be reflective of local or re-
nal activity.

The Dow Jones Industrial aver-
e dropped by about 16 points.
es on the benchmark 30-year
easury bond rose, pressing the
d yield up to 5.89 percent.

Cash back for buyers

Brent Handler didn't have much
perience with real estate when he
his brainstorm for CashAtClos-
.com, but he did have an idea for
ing things a different way.

Highlands Ranch, Colo.-based
shAtClosing.com may be the only
b site that promises homebuyers
sh back once the home deal is
e. The site matches buyers with
l estate agents who are willing to work on lower commissions and shift some of what they might normally make to buyers.

Since the March roll-out for the site — it serves just Colorado at the moment — 20 buyers have signed on and five deals have been closed. The cash-back range has so far been between $800 and $2,450.

"I started it out of frustration with Realtors," said Handler, who found his own home via the Web before construction was finished. The agent he contacted wouldn't reduce the commission, despite Handler's doing a sizable part of the work in just finding the home.

He finally found an agent that would share the commission and still play a significant role in dealing with the paperwork associated with buying a home.

CashAtClosing.com has calculators that can give visitors an idea of how much they can expect to save. Ten Denver, Colo.-based real estate agents have signed on to the site.

Handler, who recently sold another start-up company called ExecuTrain, said the site started off with some advertising, but word of mouth played a significant role in getting off the ground. E-mails queries have come from Connecticut, Florida and Indiana.

A handful of states, however, ban agents from paying anyone a fee other than another agent.

Since he's involved already in yet another start-up company, Handler said it's tough to expand CashAtClosing beyond the Rocky Mountain state. He said he is in discussions with an Internet aggregator to bundle the service into a sizable real estate-related services package.

As for the response from real estate agents?

"It's been 99-to-1, Realtors are real positive," Handler said. "They've sent long dissertations."

Cash back for homebuyers, he said, "is where the business is headed."

Do Web financials have authority?

Some analysts are beginning to question the financial reporting standards of Web-based companies, according to a report in the New York Times.

Many Internet companies issue press releases that claim "pro forma" earnings of a few cents per share when they've actually lost millions of dollars. But it's all legal because the press releases differ from reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which are based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the Times reported.

"I call them IAAP — Inter-nut Accepted Accounting Principles," Michael Murphy, a technology investor in Half Moon Bay told the paper.

"It's an attempt to go around traditional accounting standards, with the hope that everyone buys into it."

Go2Net for instance, recently claimed "pro forma net income of $.07 per share." In reality, Go2Net lost $52 million — $4.07 per diluted share — in second-quarter 1999.

Web portal Excite.com reported in April pro forma earnings of $2.5 million, or 4 cents a share. But the results didn't count $7.5 million spent on a joint-marketing venture with Netscape Communications, $2.4 million in acquisitions and as a result the company lost $7.4 million.

More cents at Good Cents

Besides being environmentally friendly, efficient energy programs for homes also means saving a few bucks.

GoodCents.com, registered to Atlanta, Ga.-based Good Cents Program Group, is trying to help Realtors, homeowners and homebuilders do just that.

According to the site, today's home contains twice as many electrical outlets and consumes twice the power of a comparable 1950's model. That's a lot of energy.

The GoodCents program is the oldest and largest energy-efficient home certification program in the country. It was developed in 1976 to encourage builders to construct energy-efficient homes. Since that time, more than 750,000 GoodCents homes have been built across the country, and that number continues to grow by 60,000 a year.

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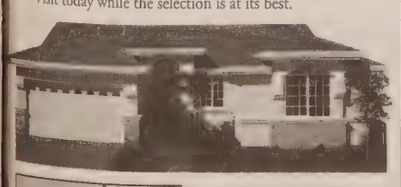
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1508 GRAND VIEW DR, Oak/Berk Hills. Exquisite nw 5/4+ trad'l w/ top of the world vws! Dream kitchen. 4700sf. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460 **$1,395,000**

1269 GRAND VIEW DR, Designed to be a welcoming retreat. Handcrafted accents. 4+/4 w/fab SF View! GRUBB Co, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400 **$995,000**

6369 BROOKSIDE AVE, Upr Rockridge. Fab new 4/2+ Craftsman Masterpiece by Mark Becker. Old World detailing, Gourmet kitchen. Terrace. Pacific Union, James Duffy 339-6460 **$849,000**

921 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair. **First Open.** Sophisticated 4bdrm, 3.5ba. New. Quality. Great rm. Luxury mstr. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460 **$825,000**

6037 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair. 5bd/3+ba. **New listing.** Nw constr. Level play area. SF Bay vws from deck. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460 **$795,000**

6336 CONTRA COSTA RD, Rockridge. 4/2+ w/open floor plan. Lvl-out yd. Gourmet kit. Family rm. Prudential CA, Demetrius Wilson 834-2010 **2-5** **$785,000**

1065 ARDMORE, Magnificent 6bd/3ba. Redesigned kitchen. Rumpus. Large garden. Aupiar or hm office. GRUBB Co, John Karnay 339-0400 **$729,000**

6905 NORFOLK RD, Claremont Heights. Oak/Berk Hills. 4+/3.5. FDR, family rm, yd, deck, vws. Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264 **$665,000**

120 CALVERT CT, Exquisite contemporary in uniquely serene setting. In/out living perfect for entertaining! GRUBB Co, Susanne Paul 339-0400 **$657,500**

1715 ALHAMBRA LN, Beautiful 4bd/3ba at end of cul-de-sac. 9 yr old home in tranquil Montclair setting. Templeton Co, Nancy Noman 652-2133 X124 **$619,000**

5744 BUENA VISTA AVE, Upper Rockridge. 3bd/2+ba. SF & Bay vws. Quality. Fab kitchen/family rm out to terrace. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460 **$599,000**

6040 ASPINWALL, Montclair. 4bd/2ba w/great home office set-up. Decks to enjoy woodsy outdoors! Homes-Link, Gadsby Team 748-5300 **$595,000**

6045 ESTATES DR, Fab top-to-bottom redesign. 4/3 w/EIK, FDR, fam room, cathedral ceiling in LR. View. GRUBB Co, Judy Rankanan 339-0400 **$585,000**

5198 PINECREST DR, 4bd/3ba. Outstanding 9 room fm w/solarium & family rm. Large well manicured grounds! 2nd driveway w/RV covered parking. Near Regional Park. Prudential Landmark Real Estate, Bill Clark 982-0204 **$559,000**

6948 BUCKINGHAM BL, Oakland Hills. Fab new 4bd/3ba. Courtyd. Perfect for entertaining. Quality! Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460 **$550,000**

650 SANTA RAY, Crocker Highlands. Stately 4+bd/2+ba trad'l. Renovated top to bottom! FDR. Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460 **$549,000**

7117 THORNHILL DR, Montclair. 3bd/3.5ba. **1st open!** Remodel. Family room. Yard. View! LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900 **$549,000**

8 **KESWICK CT**, Sophisticated, yet comfortable. Mstr w/frpl. 4th bd & ½ ba on entry lvl – grt for office! GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 **$549,000**

5984 CHELTON DR, Montclair. 4bd/2.5ba remodeled trad'l w/cook's kitchen, family rm w/French drs to deck. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460 **$539,000**

6310 CONTRA COSTA, Upr Rockridge. **First Open!** 2/2 w/dazzling bay views! Sophisticated contemporary. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460 **$525,000**

57 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller Highlands. Pretty end unit. 3bd/3ba. SF/GG vws. Lg garden patio. Upgraded. Prudential CA, Gayle Tantau 898-9409 **$510,000**

6725 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair. 3bd/2.5ba. **New listing.** Dramatic contemp w/FDR, family rm, deck, views. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 **$499,000**

7480 WOODROW DR, Montclair. 3bd/2+ba on ¼ acre. Private tree setting. Beautiful landscaping. Montclair Better Homes 339-8400 **$489,000**

6209 GIRVIN DR, Montclair. Truly a rare find! 3bd/2ba English Tudor w/landscaped garden & patio. Formal LR & DR. Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174 **$479,000**

836 PARAMOUNT RD, Grand Crocker Highlands 4/2.5 Trad'l awaits restoration. Hdwds. Hi ceilings. Potential! GRUBB Co, James Garcia 339-0400 **$479,000**

629 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker. Elegant 3bd/2+a w/FDR, kit/family rm. Mstr w/frpl. Circular staircase. Nr shops. Prudential, Dolores Thom 834-2010 **2-5** **$479,000**

5901 MAZUELA, Montclair. Sunny 4bd/3ba w/GG Views. Aupair. LaSalle Properties, Kate Castle 339-8900 **$475,000**

75 STARVIEW DR, Oak/Berk Hills. 3bd/2+ba smashing contemporary twnhm. Refurbished w/quality. Nice garden. Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460 **$468,000**

5987 RINCON DR, Montclair contemporary. Flex floor plan. 5/3.5 w/ den, FDR, LR w/beamed ceiling, decks, skylights, vw. Aupair w/separate entry. Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 **$459,000**

6738 BANNING, Montclair. JUST LISTED! Dramatic & Sophisticated! 3/2 grt for entertaining. A Must See! Coldwell Banker, Ruby & Karen 339-1174 **2-5** **$459,000**

6874 MOORE DR, Montclair. Superb 3/3 contemp in wooded setting. Cyn vws. 2-car gar. Quality! Prudential CA 845-0200, Susan Ellison 287-8818 **$449,950**

101 PINE HILLS LN, Montclair. New listing! Spacious 5bd/3 in woodsy setting. Level yd. Terraced decks. Coldwell Banker, Ruby & Karen 339-1174 **2-5** **$429,500**

1442 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Romantic English cottage. 3bd/2ba. Remodeled thru-out. Lovely garden. **New listing.** Prudential CA 428-0900 **$429,000**

841 WAWONA AVE, Delightful Crocker Highlands on quiet cul-de-sac. 3bd/3ba. 1 mstr suite w/frpl & sauna. GRUBB Co, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400 **$429,000**

1901 TUNNEL RD, Claremont Hills. 3+/2.5 warm & elegant rustic contemporary. Gourmet kit. Views, decks, lvl play area. UCB, Ellen 925-952-3318 **$424,000**

6949 ARMOUR DR, Montclair. 2+++bd/2ba w/Priceless View! Aupair. Upgrades. Beautifully maintained. **New listing!** Montclair Better Homes 531-1670 **$408,000**

2324 BYWOOD DR, Oakwood. Charming 3bd/2ba w/hill & partial bay views. FDR, EIK, yard. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 **$399,000**

438 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Sequoyah. 4bd/3½ba exceptional ranch. Rebuilt in 1989. EIK, family rm, 2 frpls. Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499 **$395,000**

3005 HOLYROOD DR, Montclair. 3++bd/2ba custom blt br shingle. 4 decks. Hi wood beamed ceilings. Lovely remod kitchen. Level-in. Piedmont Pines. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000 X242 **$395,000**

1833 WOODHAVEN WAY, Montclair. 5+bd/2½ ba. Upslope contemp. Beam ceilings. Split level. Grt location! Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499 **$389,000**

8010 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair. Woodland setting. 4/2. Arched & beam ceilings. Hdwds. Nw windows/drs. Prudential, Nancy McGraw 869-4648 **$389,000**

4981 HARBORD DR, Upper Rockridge. **First Open!** Recently remod & updated. Grt for entertaining! Sunny rear deck & lush green garden. Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174 **2-5** **$379,000**

80 STARVIEW, Elegant 3bd/2.5ba townhome w/fab South Bay Views. Cathedral ceilings. Mstr suite. GRUBB Company, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400 **$375,000**

4667 PARK BL, Glenview. 3bd/2ba. Sunny & light. Remod trad'l. Great area. Fall in love! Montclair Better Homes 635-9842 **$369,000**

1 CAMISA CIRCLE, Spacious 4+/2.5 w/in-law potential. **New Listing!** Nice yd. On cul-de-sac. Much More! Re/Max East Bay, Fae Bidgoli 526-0900 **$360,000**

6705 COLTON BLVD, 3bd/2b light-filled contemporary w/tree-filtered views. Patio, 2-car garage, more! GRUBB Co, Michelle Winchester 339-0400 **$349,000**

2040 TAMPA AVE, Montclair. 2bd/2+ba w/bay view. Family room. Sunny & bright. Yard. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900 **$349,000**

494 WELDON AVE, Grand Lake. Large 4bd/1.5ba Colonial home with large backyard. John Bickley Real Estate 769-1606 **$349,000**

2233 PELHAM PL, Montclair. 3bd/2ba. **New Listing!** Cute trad'l w/2 frpls. Rumpus, canyon vw. Cul-de-sac. Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460 **$349,000**

6262 BULLARD, Montclair. 4+bd/2+ba fixer on ¼ acre. Pool. FIRST OPEN! LaSalle Properties, Victor Fierro 339-8900 **$349,000**

6269 WESTOVER DR, Montclair. NEW LISTING! 3+bd/2ba with cathedral ceiling, walls of glass. New kitchen. Montclair Better Homes 339-8400 **$349,000**

2690 CARISBROOK AVE, Montclair. 2bd/2ba. Den, MB suite, 2-car garage, cyn views. Move in condition! Value. Starr Realty, Lisbeth Hibbard 843-5676 **$340,000**

5716 COLTON, Montclair. 3bd/2ba. Nicely landscaped. Convenient location. Hdwd floors, fireplace, patio. Art Realty 655-1159 **$335,000**

365/367 ORANGE ST, Adams Point. Wonderful DUPLEX. 2bd/1ba ea. Sep.hm office, huge bsmnt, views, decks. Wells & Bennett, Chris 531-7000 X242 **$329,000**

35 DUNCAN WAY, Close to Montclair Village. Spacious LR & DR. High ceilings. 2+bd. Brkfst room. Garden. GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400 **$329,000**

175 SEQUOYAH VIEW DR, 3bd/2ba view home. **1st time open!** Large yard. LaSalle Properties, Doris Taboloff/Deb Riney 339-8900 **$325,000**

480 HARDY ST, Rockridge. 2-story 4bd/2ba traditional. **New listing.** FDR, EIK. On cul-de-sac. Montclair Better Homes 287-9586 **$324,000**

4250 MAYBELLE AVE, Redwood Hts. **New listing.** 3bd/2ba split-lvl. Hdwds, rumpus, lg back yard. Montclair Better Homes 287-9478 **$279,000**

224 FRISBIE, Oak Glen Park. **New Listing.** Urban charmer. 3/1+. Sep studio/wkshop. Garden. Special! Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174 **$275,000**

4520 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Heights. Cute 2bd/2ba w/oak floors. Hill view from master bedroom. Dave Gurman 523-5150 **$260,000**

1627 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview. **New listing!** 3bd/1ba with original details. LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900 **$259,000**

3954 CANON, Glenview. Charming spacious 2/2 twnhm. Creekside. Frpl, patio, mstr suite, att'd gar. **New list.** Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460 **$256,000**

1528 EXCELSIOR, Sweetheart Glenview bungalow. 2bd, study, hdwd floors, grt garden, decks. Updated. Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000 X288 **$245,000**

3339 HERRIER, Redwood Hts. Cute 2bd/1ba bungalow. **New listing.** Bay vws, new kit, great condition. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460 **$239,000**

2726 MADELINE ST, Laurel. Charming 2bd/1ba bungalow w/hdwds, EIK, patio, yard, grt commute location. Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 **$225,000**

3124 BIRDSALL AVE, Maxwell Park. Gorgeous Yard! **1st open!** 3/1 Craftsman tastefully updtd. Frpl, bit-ins. Coldwell Banker, Nader Davari 339-1174 **$199,000**

5727 VICENTE ST, Rockridge. adorable 2/1 bungalow in grt nghbrhd. Hdwds, bsmnt, garage, fruit trees. Prudential CA, Andrew Sussman 287-5857 **$197,000**

2468 BEST AVE, Maxwell Park. Beautiful 2+bd/1ba bungalow. Has storage, space, yard! Prudential CA 339-9290, Brian Santilena 869-4231 **$179,000**

388 SANTA CLARA #102, Grand Lake. 1bd/1.5ba. Den could be for guests or office. LaSalle Properties, Tom Erwin 339-8900 **$179,000**

3206 HANNAH ST #1, Emeryville border. Contemporary Live/Work. 1bd/1ba. Secured parking. Prudential CA, Vanessa Timon Smith 524-2526 **2-4** **$169,000**

1340 E. 36TH ST, Glenview district. Cozy 1bd cottage w/den, updtd kitchen, deck, landscaped yd. Gallagher & Lindsey, Kathy Ghiselli 522-6425 **$142,000**

2401 PARK BLVD #6, 2bd/1½ ba. Charming condo! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 **$137,500**

3877 HOWE ST, Bright & comfortable 1bd/1ba condo nr Piedmont Av. Lovely hill vws. Nr all transportation. GRUBB Co, Carin Caroe 339-0400 **$ 85,000**

5 EMBARCADERO #221, Jack London Sq. 1bd/1ba. Walk to shops, SF ferry, dining. Enjoy pool & gym. Prudential CA, Brian Williamson 845-0200 **$ 78,000**

455 CRESCENT #109, Grand Lake. 1bd/1ba. Transportation, shops, restaurants, & lake nearby. Prudential CA 845-0200, Greg Schofield 466-5984 **$ 65,000**

5147 MILES AVE, Rockridge. 1920's duplex. 3/1 up & 2/1 down. Hdwd floors. Stone frpl. Prudential CA, Michele Alden 898-9404 **Call for price**

ALBANY OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

928 SANTA FE, 2 story brownshingle. 2+/3 Showcase! Mstr w/bay vw. Gourmet kit. Office. Lndscpd. Marvin Gardens, Kathie Berg 527-2700 X34 **2-4:30** **$499,000**

1512 BEVERLY PL, Charming 3bd/2ba. Family rm or 4th bd. Frpl, hdwds, det'd office, deep lot. Berkeley Hills RE, Peter Damm 524-9888 X13 **$479,000**

916 POMONA, A Dream Come True! Beautiful Spanish Mediterranean. 3++/2. Remodeled. Exc. condition! Marvin Gardens, Wendy Bakkenta 527-2700 X33 **$389,000**

1141-1143 EVELYN AVE, Rare home & income. **1st open.** Walk to Solano Ave & Westbrae shops. Private yd. Sylvan views. Sunny 1bd/1ba units. Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209, Diane 526-5273 **2-4:30** **$289,000**

1052 VENTURA AVE, at Posen. Delightful Craftsman Bungalow. Ideal, open, sunny location. Seller Financing. Mr. Visser 510-527-4677 **$249,000**

801 SOLANO AVE, Hill district. 2/1. Original charm! Move-in condition! Remod kit, FDR. Grt views! Marvin Gardens, Linda Maguire 527-2700 X29 **2-4:30** **$219,000**

725 PIERCE ST, Cute & affordable. 2bd w/hdwds, LR w/frpl, updtd kitchen. SF Bay view! French doors from dining to patio. Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Rosita Thornton 559-2901 **$189,000**

BERKELEY OPEN SUNDAY

2738 PARKER, Elmwood. 2 Beautiful Brown Shingles on one lot! Front house: 5+bd, hdwds, attic, more. Back: 3bd, huge LR, enchanting garden. Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Ana & Pascal Forest 273-9332 **2-4** **$1,125,000**

55 VICENTE RD, Claremont Hills. 3+/3 elegant 2-story Med. w/city & bay views. Courtyd. Details! Prudential CA, Colette Ford 848-1093 **2-5** **$1,050,000**

20 PERTH PL, Spectacular 3/3 contemporary custom. Gorgeous vws. In-law. Light & spacious. Templeton Co, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 **2-4** **$935,000**

2823 BENVENUE AVE, Elmwood. America's Golden Age lives on in this spectacular property! See the penthouse! 7bd/3ba. Prudential CA Realty, Warwick May 845-0200 **2-5** **$825,000**

1 ROSEMONT AVE, Spacious 4+/3+ w/lg level garden. Cozy wood paneled den w/frpl. Prudential CA, Gayle Tantau/Julie Lehman 845-6021 **2-4:30** **$799,000**

1418-20 SPRUCE, Beautifully restored Victorian plus 3 cottages. A rare opportunity w/potential! Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **2-5** **$700,000**

961 TULARE, Exquisitely updated. Breathtaking views. Impressive gardens. Enjoy the sunsets! GRUBB Co, Karen Starr 339-0400 **2-4:30** **$695,000**

2829 REGENT, Stunning Elmwood Craftsman. Kitchen opens to deck & garden. Upstairs lg mstr + 2 add'l bd & sunporch. Attic level aupair space, 3+++bd, 3.5ba. **New Listing!** Berkeley Hills, Nancy Mueller 524-9888 X20 **2-4** **$665,000**

86 TAMALPAIS, Most sought-after nghbrhd! Lovely vistas. Landscped garden. 2bd and studio. Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 **2-4** **$575,000**

887 INDIAN ROCK, Serene & Spacious. Charming 4++/3 overlooking park. French drs to lg deck. Marvin Gardens, Terry Pedersen 527-2700 X36 **2-5** **$569,500**

930 CRESTON, Rare English cottage w/views. 3bd/2ba. Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495 **2-4** **$550,000**

818 MENDOCINO, Gracious 4bd/2b Mediterranean. Sunfilled Bay View home. Nds work. Lg level yd. Marvin Gardens, Ann Plant 527-2700 **2-4:30** **$538,000**

1 VICENTE RD, Claremont area. **1st open house.** 3bd/2ba. Hdwd floors. View. Montclair Better Homes 287-9806 **2-4:30** **$52**

2500 ROSE WALK at Euclid. Mini Tuscan villa in historic setting. 3/2 designed by Gutterson. Exceptionally maintained. FDR, loggia. Very Special Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **2-5** **$49**

2421 OREGON, 4+bd Turn-of-the-Century Colonial. Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **2-4** **$44**

1915 EL DORADO, New Price. Best Location. 3+bd/1.5ba Craftsman in need of refreshing. Millstein & Assoc., Celia Concus 527-0211 **2-4** **$39**

938 BANCROFT WAY, Unique property. 2bd/2ba bungalow, plus updtd cottage, and 2bd apartment. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460 **$38**

811 CONTRA COSTA AVE, Trad'l 1000 Oaks charmer. **New listing.** 3/2. Well cared for. Walk Solano. Sunny garden. Byrne Co., Anita 524-7531 **$38**

1716 BUENA AVE, Home with character. 2+bd/1ba. Space and great neighborhood. Millstein & Associates, Celia Concus 527-0211 **2-4:30** **$32**

2105-07 SPAULDING AVE, Duplex w/3bd/2ba being used as single family hm, +rental cottage in garden setting. GRUBB Co, Melitta Beeson 339-0 **$32**

200 FAIRLAWN, **Just listed!** Two story, 3bd/1.5ba in Berk Hills. Deck. Lg level lot. Private. Berkeley Hills, Jane Allen 524-9888 X23 **2-4** **$32**

1525 HEARST #B, Like-new condo. 2bd/2ba. Walk to park. Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **2-4** **$27**

910 COLUSA #3, Terrific location for this bright spacious 2bd/1.5ba condominium. Templeton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127 **2-4:30** **$22**

2109 ROOSEVELT, Charming 2bd bungalow near downtown. Nds TLC. Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495 **2-4** **$20**

EL CERRITO OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1355 CONTRA COSTA, 3+/2.5 w/GG views. **1st showing.** Decks. Skylights. Good floor plan. 2-car garage. Prudential CA, Lloyd Jung 526-5143 **$43**

7801 EUREKA, Golden Gate Views! 4bd/3ba w/family room. Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495 **$42**

2629 LA HONDA, Spacious 4bd nestled in hills. Bay/GG/&Mt Tam vws! Deck. Large garden. Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Todd Hodson 559-2915 **$34**

7465 CURRY, Lovely 2bd/1ba split level trrad'l! **New Listing!** LR w/ frpl & vaulted ceiling, FDR, delightful yd w/patio, garage & more! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 **2-4:30** **$28**

7101 PLANK CT, Spacious 3bd/2ba hm w/family room. 2-car garage. On large park-like lot. Prudential CA, Grazina Bivens 845-0211 **$28**

8210 TERRACE DR, Bay Views! 2+bd/1ba in the Hills nr Huber Park. Oak floors, dining L, Att'd gar. Lg lot. **New list!** Security Pacific, Cynthia **$27**

1416 EVERETT/Donal. **New Listing!** Delightful, happy, healthy little house opens to flowery garden. 2bd/1ba. Tarpoff & Talbert, Anet Tarpoff 653- **$18**

EL SOBRANTE OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

870 APPIAN WAY, 3bd/2 ba on 1 acre. Stone fireplace. Potential for development. Sian, Security Pacific. For automated info 800-613-4065 X30 **$29**

KENSINGTON OPEN SUNDAY

205 COLUMBIA AVE, 4bd/3ba. Upgrades: fab kitchen, mstr retreat. Lg yd. SF vw. EZ commute.Location! Prudential CA, Chris Neddersen 527-01 **$59**

40 COWPER, Dramatic Panoramic Bay View Contemporary! 4bd/4ba. 2 frpls, family rm. garage. **New Listing!** Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 **$45**

ORINDA OPEN SUNDAY

29 VALLEY VIEW RD, 4bd/3.5ba. Spectacular Mediterranean. Luxurious rooms & views. 3960 sq. ft. 3 frpls. Huge master suite. Coldwell Banker, Jerilynn Babington 925-253-4601 **1-5** **$1,09**

521 TAHOS RD, 3bd/2ba. Sophisticated executive home. Koi pond. Views. Pool. Privacy. Sec. gate. Heritage RE, Audre Lazarus 925-952-3343 **$67**

10 CRESTA BLANCA, End of private cul-de-sac. Custom blt 1993. 3bd/2.5ba w/gourmet kitchen, sunken LR & family rm, 2 frpls, mstr retreat, Harbor Bay Realty, Margaret Lomba 814-4829 **2-5** **$58**

PIEDMONT OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

145 HILLSIDE AVE, Gracious residence. Perfect setting for grand entertaining or intimate gatherings. GRUBB Co, Mindy Scott 339-0400 **$1,30**

18 SANDRINGHAM RD, NEW LISTING!! Stunning 4bd/4ba trad'l. New Kitchen/Family Room Remodel. Spacious & Sunny. Lawton Associates, Ron Kriss 547-5970 **1-5** **$1,15**

12 PALA, Elegant 3bd trad'l on centrally located tree-lined street. Sun room, family room, garden. GRUBB Co, Debbi DiMaggio 339-0400 **$1,05**

119 WALDO AVE, Splendid character. Superb floorplan – 4bd up & bd & ba on main. Hdwds. Charming garden. GRUBB Co, Anian Tunney 339-0 **$89**

118 WOODLAND WAY, Enchanting Storybook English in oak tree setting. 3+/2 w/finished attic. Patios. Gardens. GRUBB Co, Sandra Vogl 339 **$72**

15 LITTLEWOOD DR, Back on the market. Spacious 4bd/2.5ba home with a pool. Come take another look! Homes-Link, Gadsby Team 748-5300 **$66**

1023 OAKLAND AVE, Sunny 3bd/1.5ba w/gleaming hdwd floors. Plus 1/1 w/separate entry. Coldwell Banker, Suzanne Yamamoto 339-1174 **$38**

RICHMOND OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6739 RICHMOND AVE, R. View. Elegant & unique Brown Shingle w/ views! 3bd/2ba. Skylites, mstr retreat, "Italian" style kitchen, deck, & much Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Mary Gray 559-2939 **$28**

3420 BARRETT, Move right in! 2bd/1ba w/new kit & appliances. Fresh paint. Refinished hdwds. Great yard! Prudential CA, Christopher Fobes 526-5 **$13**

SAN LEANDRO OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

898 BEGONIA, Washington Manor. 4bd/3ba, 2477 sq ft. Vaulted ceiling. 2-car garage. Prudential CA, Carolne Hooton 865-2949 **3-5** **$34**

837 CHETLAND RD, Estudillo Estates. Storybook 2+bd/1ba Tudor. Stunning! **First Open!** Montclair Better Homes 287-9590 **$20**

102 GEORGIA WAY, Broadmoor. **1st open.** Snazzy 2/1.5 tri-level. Old style plus lots of new! Montclair Better Homes 287-9590 **$23**

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Dutra Realty, Prudential in merger

ALNUT CREEK — Dutra Realty erprises, a prominent real estate rage firm in the East Bay for than 20 years, and Prudential rnia Realty, one of the leading estate companies in Northern rnia, have jointly announced decision to merge.

he merger, solidified on May 1 p executives from both firms, tes the largest real estate orga- ion in the East Bay, with com- d annual sales of $4.85 billion. merger also nets 19,000 annual ections, 103 offices, and 2,900 associates throughout North- California.

he company, which will officially operating as Prudential Cali- Realty during the last week of 1999, will integrate manage- personnel from both organi- s to create a dynamic leader- team lead by David Cobo as dent and Chief Executive Offi- Ed Krafchow as Executive Vice dent, and Dominic Dutra as Operating Officer.

ecording to Cobo, the blending nagement teams — in particu- p level executives such as for- Dutra Realty Enterprises presi- Dominic Dutra — will

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significantly enhance the talents and skills the organization brings to both consumers and agents.

"We are very excited to have the Dutra organization join our team," said Cobo. "We are committed to many of the same values and goals, which is why this merger made so much sense to both companies."

The merger is just the latest in Prudential California Realty's continued growth, which has also involved the addition of eight other office locations last year.

Additionally, the company has added in-house mortgage, title, escrow and home warranty services that position the organization as a leader in full-service residential and commercial real estate.

"An evolving and more sophisticated marketplace has required companies to provide better, faster, more efficient service," states Dominic Dutra. "As a result of this merger, we can augment Prudential California Realty's already impressive approach to providing full real estate services, as well as combine our assets in the technology arena. Additionally, agents from both organizations now have the opportunity to learn from each other, and take advantage of the many benefits the two entities bring to the table."

"These are two premier organizations coming together to provide the best of everything to agents and clients, from resources, to internal support, to service," says Cobo. "We feel the bringing together of the two companies is a win-win for everyone."

■ **Dutra Realty Enterprises**, founded in 1972 by John Dutra, now a California State Assemblyman, is a $1 billion-a- year real estate brokerage firm with offices throughout the East Bay and over 250 professional agents.

■ **Prudential California Realty** is Northern California's preeminent real estate organization founded in 1887 as Mason-McDuffie Real Estate and transitioning to the Prudential name in October, 1997. Prudential California Realty is an independently owned and operated member of the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. a full-service residential and commercial real estate franchise network with companies throughout the United States and Canada.

Briefs

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The site offers information for builders and homeowners in terms of what they can do to regulate heat or actualize energy-saving ideas.

The company provides ratings tests for homes to determine energy efficiency and has building plans and tips to choose from. The site also has news briefs regarding related news and consumers can post questions regarding energy issues to an expert.

With some recent surveys showing most consumers are willing to change their behavior— and even pay more — for products and services that preserve and protect the environment, GoodCents is probably good sense.

Two landmark California resorts getting a makeover

Crescent Real Estate Equities Co., the Texas-based real estate investment trust, has announced renovation plans for the historic Sonoma Mission Inn and the Ventana Inn & Spa.

Built in 1927, the Sonoma Mission Inn north of San Francisco is getting at $17.5 million facelift. Renovation plans include a new spa building. And the recently purchased golf course is getting a refurbishment with new landscaping and facilities.

Renovation of the guest rooms and restaurants is also planned.

The 25-year-old Ventana Inn & Spa in Big Sur is getting a new spa complex, a new restaurant and other upgrades.

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SARA JAFFE'S kitchens are well-integrated into the home.

Kitchen

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expense and complications of building an addition. Jaffe shared with her clients a strong affinity for the architectural character of the house, and honoring its integrity shaped each design decision.

The kitchen is designed to create a main cooking area as well as separate pastry and savory preparation areas. The Jewetts selected all the appliances, and the kitchen features two sinks, two convection ovens, a commercial Sub-Zero refrigerator.

Jaffe designed a custom rolling cart with a butcher surface and tiled shelf that allows the flexibility of additional counter space wherever needed.

Built-in recycling storage and a floor-to-ceiling pull-out pantry increase the efficiency of the design. Deep drawers for pots and pans and bins for staples provide additional storage, and a custom spice rack nestles under the counter within easy reach of the stove top.

A commercial grade pot-filler faucet unfolds from the back splash. There is also ample storage for their cooking and serving pieces.

Tami Jewett is the family's pastry chef, and from the pastry center she can gaze into her beautiful garden while preparing confections such as Fresh Fruit Galette.

Views of the garden and San Francisco Bay beyond are framed by leaded glass windows.

To complement the existing windows, Jaffe selected decorative art glass for the new windows, allowing privacy from the adjacent house and admitting suffused light and color.

Jaffe tucked a small desk area into the corner overlooking the garden, a delightful spot for their daughter Jane's homework. Bookshelves hold Tami Jewett's impressive collection of cookbooks, and niches are generously situated to display

Jane's numerous art projects. An entertainment center is housed in a custom cabinet with storage beneath to hold music by Ella Fitzgerald and other jazz artists the couple are likely to enjoy while cooking.

"The pastel palette surprised us all," says Jaffe. Beginning with Honduras mahogany for the cabinetry and rosy granite counter tops, shopping for materials and finishes became adventures as Jaffe encouraged her clients to be playful and bold.

They assembled a palette of colors and textures for a wonderful frieze of handmade ceramic wall tiles that extend almost the full length of the kitchen.

Jaffe painstakingly laid out the tiles so that instead of a grid pattern, the colors flow and please the eye. Textured walls emulate the original wall finish and inset window details reflect the original design.

Wall colors are a rich celadon green that calms the kitchen and a deep peach that enlivens the dining and home office areas.

Floor tiles are 12"-square pavers in a slate-like, cinnamon shade that complements the Honduras mahogany woodwork used in floor-to-ceiling cabinetry throughout.

Jaffe designed a china cabinet and folding door leading to the dining area and for both pieces designed stained-glass panels that evoke the Craftsman era that influenced the house's architects.

Jaffe introduced bronze inlay accents to the mahogany frame-and-panel cabinetry and also used it in the stained-glass doors and the custom round, walnut table she designed for the dining area.

Modern fabric adorns the family's Chippendale dining chairs and the upholstered armchairs are done in complementary fabrics that create a cozy seating area within the newly configured dining room.

The Jewetts are owners of Seasons Catering and operate a commercial kitchen for professional use; however, they desired a home office to manage the business aspects of their enterprise.

Jaffe fashioned a pleasant, efficient space in the same lasting materials: Honduras mahogany for the desk and storage cupboards, handmade ceramic tiles at the partial wall separating the office from the kitchen and a new window in art glass.

Jaffe also remodeled an adjacent powder room into an dressy space in deep-green marble, glossy dark shades of green on walls and trim and brass light fixtures. Completing the renovation is a the laundry room which has been freshened with periwinkle-blue wall color and violet floor tiles.

"The level of thought and detail that went into this project was a challenge and a source of ongoing delight," Jaffe says.

"Collaborating with the Jewetts on such a well-designed and beautifully detailed home was a wonderful experience. Designing furniture, cabinetry and stained glass, along with choosing elegant materials and fine tuning all the details that tie the project together, brings out my creativity and passion."

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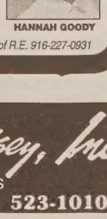
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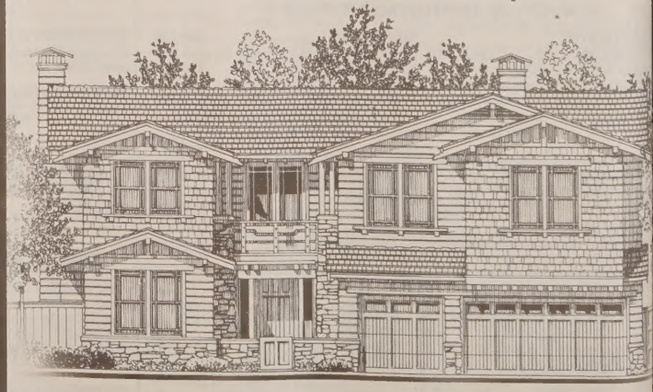
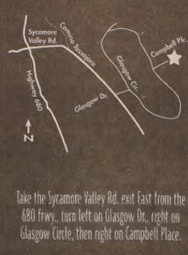
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Highest bid might not be best

Sellers should study all terms listed in purchase contract

ome sellers have the good for- tune of receiving more than one offer.

's natural in this situation for ers to be attracted to the offer the highest price. But, is the hest priced offer always the best

The offer price is important. And n the seller's standpoint, the her the price, the better. But real e purchase contracts are com- ex legal documents and should- e judged in terms of the offer e alone.

or example, sellers of a home in Rockridge neighborhood of Oak- put their home on the market at beginning of the current seller's ket. The home was in mint con- n and showed beautifully.

ix buyers made offers. After ful deliberation, the sellers de- d not to accept the offer with the hest price; they accepted the next nced offer.

The offer with the highest price was well-qualified buyers, but the ntract included a financing contin- y and a provision that the prop- appraise for the purchase price. The offered price was so much her than recent comparable sales e neighborhood that the sellers e concerned that their home dn't appraise for the purchase

The offer with the next best price n all cash offer with no fi- ncing or appraisal contingency. buyers had sold a property and the cash needed to close in the . These buyers also offered to as quickly as possible. So the was done in two weeks.

Another attractive feature of this

Starting Out

By Dian Hymer



Dian Hymer

In one case, the winning buyer made an "as-is," all-cash offer lower than the highest bid.

offer was that the buyers were willing to let the sellers rent the property back for an extended period of time. This enabled the sellers to avoid a double move. They stayed in the home they sold until the found and bought their new home.

Recently sellers of a home in Oakland's Dimond district chose to work with buyers who didn't offer the highest price in a multiple offer competition. The home had a brick foundation and a lot of deferred maintenance.

The winning buyer made an "as is," all cash offer. The other offers weren't "as is" and included financing contingencies. The sellers were concerned about the financing contingency because lenders can require that work be done before closing if a home is in disrepair.

Figuring out which offer best suits your needs can be a confusing process when you're looking at multiple offers. Some agents help their sellers through the process by preparing a summary chart to reduce the contracts to their common elements.

Such a chart might look like this. The buyers or the buyers' agent's names are listed down one side of the paper. Across the top of the paper, insert the critical contract elements.

These elements might include price, closing date, amount of cash down payment, any request for a monetary credit from the seller, any work requested of sellers, rent-back option, personal property included/excluded, financing contingency (and time frame), inspection contingency (and time frame), and buyer's financial qualification (pre-qualified, pre-approved).

A buyer's profile can be a relevant factor in considering an offer.

For example, when selling an older home that will require continual maintenance, some sellers feel more comfortable selling to an experienced homeowner rather than to a first-time buyer, if they have the option.

The buyer's agent can even be a deciding factor if one agent is a professional known for getting the job done and the other agents involved in the multiple offer competition are inexperienced, or have less than sterling reputations.

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Patch pipes with 'bubble gum?'

Low-tech solutions to plumbing problems not kids' stuff

while back, I wrote about the "bubble gum" solution to a plumbing problem. "Bubble " is my name for a kind of epoxy ty that consists of two dough-like stances which, when kneaded to- er, form a wonderfully strong erial for patching plumbing.

had used a wad of this material atch a hole in a shower drain that on a second floor of a home. The rnative was a very expensive pro- dure – replace the shower drain, ich involved tearing open the stairs kitchen ceiling, installing w pipe, installing new drywall e ceiling and repainting the le thing for about $700.

t the time, the $6 for the bubble n and the 15 minutes of labor med much more reasonable.

w you can imagine, I fell instantly ve with the bubble gum when I overed it. There has been more one case in which a very costly r job has been put off by knead- wo sticks of clay-like material ther and using the results to a hole in a drain pipe.

have visions of that white and bunny with the drum on tele- which keeps "going and go- and going. . ." My drain repair is into its seventh year with no of failure.

ome plumbing inspector read- his column may be having a fit use there is no way that bubble

Firm Foundation

By Don Pearman



Don Pearman

"Some plumbing inspector reading this may be having a fit as bubble gum isn't code-compliant..."

gum is code-compliant. I agree with the plumbing inspector in most cases. The preferred method is to install a new drain with a permit and the proper materials to city code. OK, inspector?

As a contractor, I love working on mechanical parts of houses, but when it comes to working on my trucks, I wouldn't touch mechanical systems with the proverbial 10-foot pole. The idea of working on my exhaust pipes, which are in some ways like plumbing pipes, would never enter my mind.

Over the last few months, I allowed a noise from under my truck to grow worse. I had surmised that it was an exhaust leak, and took the truck to the local muffler shop. They told me I would need a $725 pipe, muffler, catalytic converter, etc. When would I like to have the work done? Credit card or check?

Having a lot of projects to tend to, I drove around a bit longer than I should have, the awful din coming from under my truck and announcing my arrival blocks in advance.

I called a friend in the car repair business who does all of my routine truck maintenance and asked for a referral to a good muffler shop.

Feeling embarrassed to drive home announcing, "Here comes Don with his noisy truck", I made an appointment the very next day at the place he suggested.

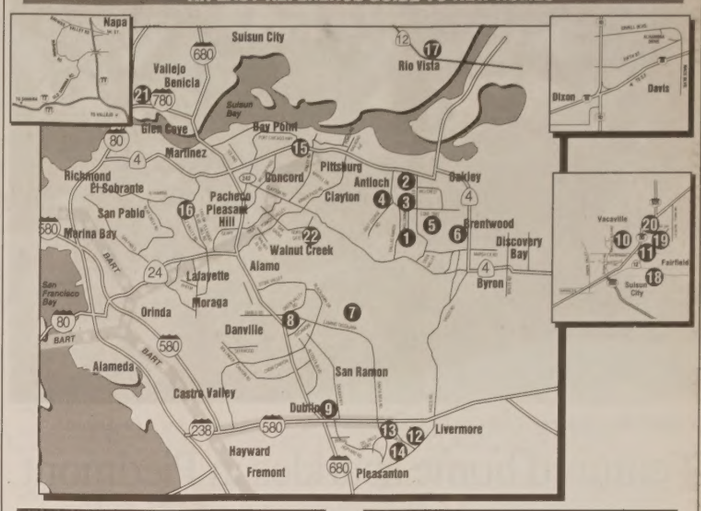
You can imagine to my surprise when the person at the second muffler shop, one that does not advertise with a bunny, or at all, actually, told me that he could fix my problem by welding shut the hole that was in one of the pipes near the engine which was causing the horrible noise.

When he told me the cost would be a mere $50, I thought how similar this was to my bubble gum solution to a plumbing problem

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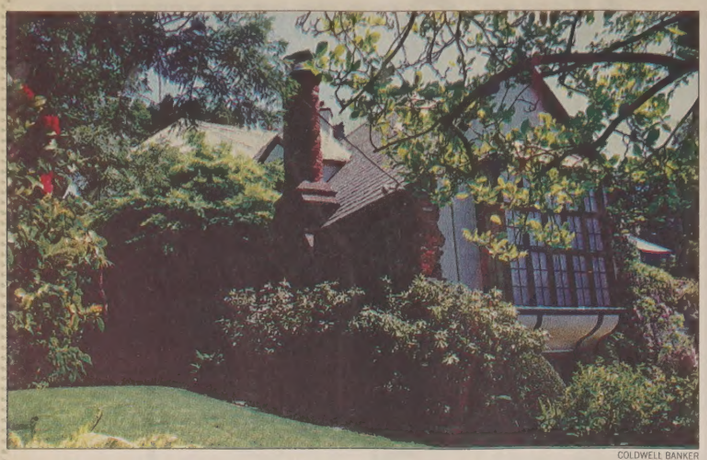


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44 CREST RD., Piedmont, is a striking English-style home with vaulted ceilings and a new kitchen.

Featured home sparkles in Piedmont

OAKLAND — Dian Hymer, Coldwell Banker Previews Property Specialist, has listed this exceptional English-style home located in the heart of Piedmont. The Coldwell Banker Previews program is a unique marketing program for upper-tier properties.

This English style home offers four-plus bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms including an elegant master suite with a fireplace, three walk-in closets and a Whirlpool bath.

The magnificent vaulted ceiling living room and the remodeled kitchen both open out to a slate terrace overlooking the garden.

The beautifully landscaped yard offers privacy, great outdoor living, majestic redwoods, a children's play area, a lawn, a dog run, a large brick patio, and a pond and fountain.



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Additional features include a spacious formal dining room with beamed ceiling, hardwood and tile floors, three fireplaces, filtered Bay views, a large recreation room with access to the yard, an ideal live-in set-up, space for a home office, zoned heating, custom wrought-iron work, French doors, an attached two-car garage, ample storage and a security system.

Dian Hymer, the listing agent for this exclusive property, is a trained Previews Property Specialist. She is an Associate Broker with the Montclair/Piedmont Coldwell Banker office and has 22 years experience selling homes in the East Bay area. Dian is also a book author and nationally syndicated real estate columnist.

Call Dian for more information about this home or if you're looking for an exceptional agent to represent you in a home sale or purchase. 510-339-4700. Voice mail: 339-4777.

Carter takes to lofty heights

OAKLAND— "Mac" McCulloch, managing broker of Prudential California Realty of Oakland, proudly announces that Jacquelyn Carter has been appointed loft live-workspace specialist for the East Bay Area.

According to McCulloch, Carter's outstanding research of the loft market segment, her commitment to excellence and dedication to personal resources made her a perfect choice.

Carter said she loves the work.

"I have always had a passion for service and this opportunity couldn't be better timed," Carter said.

For information or to congratulate Carter, call 510-869-5934.



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FROM PAGE D4

Financing vacant lot sale is never easy

Dear Bob: I own a small free and clear vacant lot on a semi-commercial street. It's zoned for apartments, but is only big enough for four units. In the last year, I've had it listed for sale to two fine Realtors. They brought me several good purchase offers from small-time builders, contingent on financing.

However, banks are reluctant to finance the sale of this "oddball" property (it formerly contained an old house, used as an office, which burned down several years ago). Financing is the problem. Any ideas? — Jake R.

Dear Jake: Yes. Carry back the mortgage for the buyer. Financing vacant land sales is never easy, especially an odd property such as the one you describe. The obvious solution is for you to carry back seller financing.

By offering easy financing, you'll be able to sell the lot for top dollar. With a reasonable down payment of perhaps 20 percent, you should have a safe loan for a few years while the builder gets his apartment plans approved by the city and the apartments or condos built and sold.

But be prepared to subordinate your loan to a new-construction loan. Be sure you have the right to approve the plans and construction loan amount. Hire a local real estate lawyer to advise you further.

Consult insurance agent about hiring a handyman

Dear Bob: I own my vacation home, which needs painting. When the weather is right, I want to hire a local handyman to do the work. But a friend told me not to do so. She says if the handyman gets injured, I could be sued even if I didn't do anything wrong. Is this true? — Evelyn C.

Dear Evelyn: Yes. But the exact answer depends on state law where the vacation home is located. In most states, the situation you describe requires you to carry workers' compensation insurance in case the handyman is injured on the job.

Some states, such as California, require workers' compensation coverage to be included automatically in all homeowner insurance policies. Before hiring that handyman, consult the agent who insures your vacation home.

If necessary, you can buy an inexpensive workers' compensation policy for a few hundred dollars.

Reader gives private mortgage insurance the old heave-ho

Dear Bob: I've been following the various questions and answers in your column about getting rid of PMI (private mortgage insurance). My wife and I were expecting the worst.

But the process turned out to be easy. I phoned our lender, explained that we think our loan-to-value ratio is about 75 percent so the lender no longer needs PMI, and asked how we can get it canceled. She gave us the name of an approved appraisal firm to hire.

It cost us $325 for a new appraisal, which confirmed our valuation opinion. Within a month after receiving the appraisal, the lender canceled our PMI.

As a result, we save $76 per month. Thanks for encouraging homeowners to cancel their PMI. — Dolph R.

Dear Dolph: Congratulations to you and your lender. Your cancellation went exactly right. Unfortunately, not all mortgage lenders are as cooperative as yours when canceling no-longer-needed PMI.

Reverse mortgage offers elderly parent financial independence

Dear Bob: Thank you for about those new reverse mor... My hairdresser saw your arti... showed it to me about four ... ago. Then the local senior ... center had a speaker give a ... reverse mortgages, discussing ... pros and cons.

I signed up for the Fanni... plan, which pays me $200 per ... (which can be increased if ... more income) for the rest of ... as long as I live in my hous... result, I now have plenty of ... no longer need ask my adult ... money, and I even got a lum... to buy a new car (at age ... Maida S.

Dear Maida: Congratulat... investigating reverse mortga... deciding which plan is best f... situation. I think every senior ... homeowner age 62 or olde... needs additional income shou... sider a reverse mortgage.

More details are in my spe... port "How Senior Citizens C... ceive Tax-Free Income from ... Best Reverse Mortgages" ... for $4 from Robert Bruss, 2... Road, Burlingame, CA 94010. ... card orders are welcome at 80... 1736 and www.inman.com.

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Fabulous new home perfect for entertaining & daily living, quality materials, courtyard. Nancy Moore

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